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Protester in Texas shot, killed amid civil unrest

By JEFF MARTIN
Associated Press

Protests took a violent turn in several U.S. cities overnight, with demonstrators squaring off against agents outside a federal courthouse in Portland, Ore., forcing police in Seattle to retreat into a station house and setting fire to vehicles during unrest in California and Virginia.

A protester in Austin, Texas, who was apparently armed with a rifle was shot and killed after witnesses say he approached a car that had driven through a march against police violence. And someone was shot and wounded in

Aurora, Colo., after a car drove through a protest there, authorities said.

The unrest Saturday and early Sunday stemmed from the weeks of protests over racial injustice and the police treatment of people of color that flared

up after the May 25 death of George Floyd in Minneapolis. Floyd, who was Black and handcuffed, died after a white police officer used his knee to pin down Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes after Floyd begged for air.

In Seattle, police officers retreated into a precinct station early Sunday, hours after large demonstrations in the city's Capitol Hill neighborhood. Some demonstrators lingered after officers filed into the department's East Precinct around 1 a.m., but most cleared out a short time later, according to video posted online.

At a late-night news conference, Seattle police Chief Carmen Best called for peace. Rocks, bottles, fireworks and mortars were fired at police during the weekend unrest, and police said they arrested at least 45 people for assaults on officers, obstruction and failure to disperse. Twenty-one officers were hurt, with most of their injuries considered minor, police said.

In Portland, thousands of people gathered Sunday evening for another night of protests over George Floyd's killing and the presence of federal agents recently sent to



Age before beauty

As Air Force prepares to retire B-2, Vietnam-era B-52 soars on

By ROBERT BURNS
Associated Press

WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE, Mo. — In the topsy-turvy world of U.S. strategic bombers, older and uglier sometimes beats newer and snazzier.

As the Air Force charts a bomber future in line with the Pentagon's new focus on potential war with China or Russia, the youngest and flashiest — the stealthy B-2, costing a hair-raising \$2 billion each — is to be retired first. The oldest and stodgiest — the Vietnam-era B-52 — will go last. It could still be flying when it is 100 years old.

This might seem to defy logic, but the elite group of men and women who have

NUMBERS GAME

The B-2's viability suffers from the fact that only 21 were built, of which 20 remain, leaving little slack in the supply chain for unique spare parts. It is thus comparatively expensive to maintain and to fly. The stealth bomber is also seen as increasingly vulnerable against air defenses of emerging war threats like China and Russia.

SOURCE: Associated Press

flown the bat-winged B-2 Spirit accept the reasons for phasing it out when a next-generation bomber comes on line.

"In my mind, it actually does make

sense to have the B-2 as an eventual retirement candidate," says John Avery, who flew the B-2 for 14 years from Whiteman Air Force Base in western Missouri. He and his wife, Jennifer, were the first married couple to serve as B-2 pilots; she was the first woman to fly it in combat.

The Air Force sees it as a matter of money, numbers and strategy.

The Air Force expects to spend at least \$55 billion to field an all-new, nuclear-capable bomber for the future, the B-21 Raider, at the same time the Pentagon will be spending hundreds of billions of dollars to replace all of the other major

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Above: A crew chief at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., marshals in a B-2 Spirit stealth bomber in 2017. The B-2, which entered service in 1993, is set to be the first aircraft retired by the Air Force as it charts a new future for its bomber force.

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MILITARY

Marines eye mobile units in Pacific region

By WYATT OLSON
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The Marine Corps wants to deploy mobile units to Okinawa armed with anti-ship and air-defense missiles that could help Japan defend against island incursions by China, the commandant of the Marine Corps said on Thursday.

"You want to deter, to prevent any potential adversary from taking the next move," Gen. David Berger said in comments published by Reuters.

"If you are looking out from China, that's what you should see, a rock-solid alliance."

Berger said the United States is in talks with Japan about the possible deployment, which is being spurred on by the U.S. shift

in national strategy away from counter-insurgency concerns and toward so-called "great power competition" with China and, to a lesser degree, Russia.

The mobile Marine units under discussion would not increase the number of troops hosted by Japan, Berger said. He intends to travel to Japan after the coronavirus restrictions are lifted, he said.

Berger wants to make Pacific-based Marines more mobile, with fewer aircraft, artillery and heavy armor in the service,



Berger

putting in place instead Marine littoral regiments tailored to deny adversaries control through the use of missiles and drones against invading vessels.

The U.S. has been under pressure by Okinawans for decades to reduce the number of Marines on the small island, which hosts a sizable portion of the American forces stationed in Japan. An effort to relocate Marines to Guam and Hawaii is in the works, and Berger's vision of a more disseminated force dovetails well with the relocation.

Since taking command of the Marine Corps a year ago, Berger has focused on integrating the operations of the Marine Corps and Navy in the Pacific and championed the concept of Expeditionary Advance Base Operations, which intends to

place Marines in smaller units in more places throughout the Pacific.

About 22,000 Marines and sailors under Marine Corps Forces Pacific are deployed west of the International Date Line at any given time.

The Marine Corps will have an operational littoral regiment in Okinawa by 2027, Berger told Reuters, with additional littoral regiments in Guam and Hawaii.

The littoral regiment in Hawaii is expected to have roughly 2,000 Marines, mostly coming from units already existing at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, a Marine Corps spokesman told the Honolulu Star-Advertiser in May.

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Air Force, Space Force tweak camo nametapes

By JAMES BOLINGER
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The Air Force and Space Force are changing the look of nametapes on their camouflage uniforms to make them easier to read, the Air Force announced Thursday.

The services will move to a lighter, three-color pattern for rank insignia lettering of occupational badges, nametapes and service identifiers that should make ranks and names easier to see on the Operational Camouflage Pattern — OCP — utility uniform.

"We received significant feedback that prompted this update," Lisa Truesdale, the Air Force's military force management policy deputy director, said in a statement. "The current rank insignia, badges, name and service tapes on the OCP uniform are sometimes challenging to see against a seven-color background."

The Army's nametapes are much easier to see, Senior Airman Yong Hwa Song told Stars and Stripes on Friday at Yokota Air Base in western Tokyo. The spice brown thread color used by the Air Force obscures the letters against the camouflage background, he said.

"Name tags are not that expensive," Song said. "As long as there is a good transition period it won't be too bad, and we can keep our old one till the transition period [is over]."

The current nametape, insignia and badges pattern will remain authorized for wear, the statement said. Airmen graduating from basic training will see new nametapes by October.

Additionally, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service has begun to stock the new three-color pattern, the statement said.

The Defense Logistics Agency, which manages the global supply chain for the Defense Department has placed an order for the new name tapes, which should be in circulation by November, the statement said.

The Air Force will retain the spice brown thread used for lettering on name tapes and rank insignia, while the Space Force will use blue stitching.

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The Air Force is changing the name and insignia tapes on uniforms to make them more visible. An airman shows those tapes at Yokota Air Base, Japan, on Friday.

Chinese fighter jets spotted on tiny base in disputed South China Sea

By SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

China deployed at least eight fighter jets this month to an artificial island in the South China Sea as the United States and its allies conducted large-scale drills in the area, satellite images show.

The aircraft, including four that appear to be J-11B fighters and four that have the same dimensions as the JH-7 anti-ship fighter bomber, are visible in the images from July 17, according to a report that day by the U.S. government-funded Radio Free Asia.

The aircraft were on a runway at Woody Island, China's largest military base in the

Paracels, a group of islets in the northern part of the South China Sea that is claimed by China, Taiwan and Vietnam.

Chinese fighters have refueled at the base in the past, according to Ian Chong, an assistant professor in the National University of Singapore's political science department.

"Whether this detachment stays we don't know, but it's not something that's without precedent," he said in a telephone interview Thursday.

Fortifying its South China Sea installations and having a permanent presence is among Beijing's goals, Chong said.

"I suppose operationally basing [the fighter jets] there could cow some other

claimants," he said. "But the islands themselves are pretty vulnerable. If they don't have enough of a presence with enough range to keep planes and ships away having just a few aircraft might not be that feasible."

The deployment comes at a time of increasing friction in the region between Washington and Beijing. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on July 13 put the United States on record as rejecting sweeping claims to territory in the sea, as well as its claims to control access to the region. Such claims are "completely unlawful," he said.

Two U.S. aircraft carriers — the USS Nimitz and USS Ronald Reagan — conducted drills in the South China Sea this

month.

The carriers were joined July 17 by a pair of Air Force B-1B Lancer bombers making overflights from Guam.

Last week, the Reagan and its strike group teamed up with naval forces from Japan and Australia for further maneuvers in the nearby Philippine Sea.

The Chinese fighter jets' deployment to Woody Island shows Beijing can move assets around the region, Chong said.

"China is ramping up the robustness of its presence and quite willing to show others it is a force to be reckoned with in these waters," he said.

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A B-2 Spirit bomber, deployed from Whiteman Air Force Base, Miss., is staged on the flightline at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, in January 2019.

Retire: B-52s still strong after decades

FROM FRONT PAGE

elements of the nation's nuclear weapons arsenal. The Air Force is also spending heavily on new fighters and refueling aircraft, and like the rest of the military it foresees tighter defense budgets ahead.

The B-2's viability suffers from the fact that only 21 were built, of which 20 remain. That leaves little slack in the supply chain for unique spare parts. It is thus comparatively expensive to maintain and to fly. It is also seen as increasingly vulnerable against air defenses of emerging war threats like China.

Then there is the fact that the B-52, which entered service in the mid-1950s and is known to crews as the Big Ugly Fat Fellow, keeps finding ways to stay relevant. It is equipped to drop or launch the widest array of weapons in the entire Air Force inventory. The plane is so valuable that the Air Force twice in recent years has brought a B-52 back from the grave — taking long-retired planes from a desert "boneyard" in Arizona and restoring them to active service.

Strategic bombers have a storied place in U.S. military history, from the early days of the former Strategic Air Command when the only way America and the former Soviet Union could launch nuclear weapons at each other was by air, to the B-52's carpet bombing missions in Vietnam.

Developed in secrecy in the 1980s, the B-2 was rolled out as a revolutionary weapon — the first

long-range bomber built with stealth, or radar-evading, technology designed to defeat the best Soviet air defenses.

By the time the first B-2 was delivered to the Air Force in 1993, however, the Soviet Union had disintegrated and the Cold War had ended. The plane made its combat debut in the 1999 Kosovo war. It flew a limited number of combat sorties over Iraq and Afghanistan and has launched only five combat sorties since 2011, all in Libya.

The last was a 2017 strike notable for the fact that it pitted the world's most expensive and exotic bomber against a flimsy camp of Islamic State militants.

"It has proved its worth in the fight, over time," says Col. Jeffrey Schreiner, who has flown the B-2 for 19 years and is commander of the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman, which flies and maintains the full fleet.

But after two decades of fighting small wars and insurgencies, the Pentagon is shifting its main focus to what it calls "great power competition" with a rising China and a resurgent Russia, in an era of stiffer air defenses that expose B-2's vulnerabilities.

Thus the Pentagon's commitment to the bomber of the future — the B-21 Raider. The Air Force has committed to buying at least 100 of them. The plane is being developed in secrecy to be a do-it-all strategic bomber. A prototype is being built now, but the first flight is not considered likely before 2022.

The Air Force had planned to

keep its B-2s flying until 2058, but will instead retire them as the B-21 Raider arrives in this decade. Also retiring early will be the B-1B Lancer, which is the only one of the three bomber types that is no longer nuclear-capable. The Air Force has proposed to eliminate 17 of its 62 Lancers in the coming year.

The B-52, however, will fly on. It is so old that it made a mark on American pop culture more than 50 years ago. It lent its name to a 1960s beehive hairstyle that resembled the plane's nosecone, and the plane featured prominently in Stanley Kubrick's 1964 black comedy, "Dr. Strangelove."

More than once, the B-52 seemed destined to go out of style.

"We're talking about a plane that ceased production in 1962 based on a design that was formulated in the late 1940s," said Loren Thompson, a defense analyst at the Lexington Institute, a Washington think-tank.

Rather than retire it, the Air Force is planning to equip the Boeing behemoth with new engines, new radar technology and other upgrades to keep it flying into the 2050s. It will be a "stand off" platform from which to launch cruise missiles and other weapons from beyond the reach of hostile air defenses.

In Thompson's view, the Air Force is making a simple calculation: The B-52 costs far less to operate and maintain than the newer but finickier B-2.

"They decided the B-52 was good enough," he said.

UN: Anti-Pakistan militants hiding in Afghanistan

By KATHY GANNON
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — A U.N. report says that over 6,000 Pakistani insurgents, most belonging to the outlawed Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan group attacking Pakistani military and civilian targets, are hiding in Afghanistan.

The report released last week said the organization has linked up with the Afghan-based Islamic State affiliate and some of its members have even joined the ISIS group, which has its headquarters in eastern Afghanistan.

The Afghan government did not respond to The Associated Press requests Sunday for comment.

The report said ISIS in Afghanistan, known as ISIS in Khurasan province, has been hit hard by the Afghan Security Forces, as well as U.S. and NATO troops, even on occasion by the Taliban. The report was prepared by the U.N. analytical and sanctions monitoring team, which tracks terrorist groups around the world.

The report estimated the membership of the ISIS affiliate in Afghanistan at 2,200, and while its leadership has been depleted, it still counts members, including a Syrian national, Abu Said Muhammad al-Khorasani.

The report also said the monitoring team had received information that two senior Islamic State commanders, Abu Qutaibah and Abu Hajar al-Iraqi, had recently arrived in Afghanistan from the Middle East.

"Although in territorial retreat, (the Islamic State) remains capable of carrying out high-profile attacks in various parts of the country, including Kabul. It also aims to attract Taliban fighters who oppose the agreement with the United States," said the report referring to a U.S. peace deal signed with the Taliban in February.

That deal was struck to allow the U.S. to end its 19-year involvement in Afghanistan also calls on the Taliban to guarantee that its territory will not be used by terrorist groups. The deal is

also expected to guarantee Taliban all-out participation in the fight against the Islamic State.

The second and perhaps the most critical part of that agreement calls for talks between the Taliban and Kabul's political leadership.

On Saturday, the U.S. State Department issued a statement saying its peace envoy Zalmay Khalilzad was again shuttling through the region seeking to jump start those negotiations, which have been repeatedly postponed as both sides squabble over a prisoner release program.

The U.S.-backed deal calls for the Afghan government to release 5,000 Taliban prisoners and the Taliban to free 1,000 government and military personnel as a so-called good will gesture ahead of talks. Until now, the government is refusing to release nearly 600 Taliban prisoners it calls high-profile criminals and have offered to free alternatives. The Taliban has refused.

"The parties are closer than ever to the start of intra-Afghan negotiations, the key next step to ending Afghanistan's 40-year long war," said the U.S. State Department statement. "Although significant progress has been made on prisoner exchanges, the issue requires additional effort to fully resolve."

The Taliban's political spokesman earlier last week said it was ready to hold talks with Kabul's political leaders after the Islamic holiday of Eid ul Adha, which is at the end of the month, providing the prisoner release is completed.

A big worry for Pakistan is the presence in Afghanistan of militants, particularly linked to the TTP, Jamaat-ul Ahrar or Lashkar-e-Islam, as well as those with the Baluchistan Liberation Army, which has taken responsibility for high profile attacks this month in the southern Sindh province as well as in southwestern Baluchistan Province. Several Pakistan military personnel have been killed this month in southwestern Baluchistan province in battles with insurgents.

Report: Blast in market of north Syrian border town kills several

Associated Press

BEIRUT — A bomb that exploded Sunday morning in a vegetable market in a north Syrian border town controlled by Turkey-backed opposition fighters killed eight and wounded 19, an opposition war monitor and the state news agency reported.

The blast scorched market

stalls and scattered produce in the town of Ras al-Ayn along the border with Turkey.

The state news agency SANA said the blast was caused by a car bomb, while the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the explosion was caused by a motorcycle rigged with explosives.

The Observatory said some of the wounded are in critical condition, adding that the dead included a woman and a child.

Turkey's Defense Ministry blamed the attack on Kurdish insurgents, as it has in dozens of other such incidents.

Ankara has blamed explosions that killed and wounded dozens of

people in northeast Syria in recent months on Kurdish fighters linked to the Kurdistan Workers' Party, which has waged a decadeslong insurgency inside Turkey.

It views the Kurdish fighters as terrorists, though the same fighters have partnered with the United States against the Islamic State group.

Turkey controls most Syrian territory bordering its southern frontier after a series of military operations. Last October, Turkish troops crossed into Syria's northeast, capturing the Ras al-Ayn area in driving Kurdish fighters away from the border after the U.S. withdrew most of its forces from the region.

PACIFIC



KARIS MATTINGLY/U.S. Marine Corps

The Marine Corps on Okinawa has reported a total of 225 coronavirus infections from two clusters discovered on the island after Fourth of July weekend. Many of those have since recovered.

USMC on Okinawa reports 72 new infections over three days

By MATTHEW M. BURKE
Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — The Marine Corps on Okinawa reported 41 new coronavirus cases on Friday and another 31 over the weekend, bringing to 225 the total from two clusters discovered after the Fourth of July weekend.

The 41 infections announced Friday were identified through the Marine Corps' trace-and-test process and involve personnel attached to Marine Corps Installations Pacific and III Marine Expeditionary Force on Okinawa, spokesman Maj. Ken Kunze wrote Friday in an emailed statement to Stars and Stripes.

Twenty-seven of those cases stem from a cluster outbreak at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, while the other 14 are at Camp Hansen, site of the other outbreak.

Some have been in quarantine since July 12, but most have been restricted since July 18, the statement said. All have been moved into isolation.

"All of those individuals were from batch testing that has been pending, one as far back as 12 July," Kunze wrote. "With the high volume of test results that

have been pending since last week, this wasn't a surprise."

On Saturday, 23 new infections were announced by Marine Corps Installations Pacific. Twenty-two of those cases, which were identified through the trace-and-test process, are related to the Camp Hansen cluster and one recently arrived from the United States, according to a statement posted on Facebook.

"These 22 individuals have been in quarantine for at least a week," the statement said.

The new arrival is listed as attached to Camp Courtney because that is where the person's sponsor works or is stationed, Kunze wrote in an email Sunday to Stars and Stripes.

"This individual has been in [restriction of movement] in base housing since July 10, and has had limited contact with any personnel," the Marine statement said.

On Sunday, eight new infections were announced by Marine Corps Installations Pacific. Seven belong to the Camp Hansen cluster and have been in quarantine "for nearly two weeks" due to the Marines' policy to "test all individuals in quarantine" with "close contact" to infected persons before being released, a statement said.

The other individual works at Camp Foster and was a close contact of someone who recently tested positive in the MCAS Futenma cluster, Kunze wrote in his email Sunday.

Since Friday, 82 Marines involved in the cluster outbreak have been released from isolation after recovering, according to the Marine Corps. They join 27 others released earlier last week.

To date, the service has reported 116 cases at Camp Hansen and 109 at MCAS Futenma.

The statement Kunze emailed on Friday implored Marines to "diligently adhere to strict hygiene recommendations," maintain social distance and always wear a mask.

"Our focus remains on stopping the spread as we continue to conduct mission essential training in support of regional security and stability," it said.

The 18th Wing at Kadena Air Base also announced a new positive case Friday. The individual tested positive before leaving the 14-day quarantine period mandated upon arrival on Okinawa and had no contact with anyone on or off base, a wing statement said.

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USFJ crew must test negative to leave quarantine

By CAITLIN DOORNBOS
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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — U.S. military personnel newly arrived in Japan must test negative for the coronavirus before they exit a mandated two-week quarantine, according to a new policy announced Friday by U.S. Forces Japan.

Since March, all incoming Defense Department personnel have been required to spend 14 days on restricted movement, which typically means they're confined to their home or base lodging. This applies to new arrivals as well as travelers returning to Japan.

Under the new policy, people must test negative for the coronavirus before leaving quarantine, even if their 14 days are completed, USFJ spokeswoman Maj. Genieve White told Stars and Stripes on Friday.

Those who test negative before their two weeks have ended will still continue to quarantine until the 14-day requirement is met, according to a USFJ statement issued Friday afternoon.

White said the policy took effect for those beginning quarantine on Friday; however, people already under restriction may be exempt. USFJ notified base commanders of the coming change Thursday, and time is needed to set up processes to comply with it, she said.

"There's going to be an extra burden on testing capabilities with so many in the queue," White said. "We're doing what we can."

The policy change comes after Japanese Defense Minister Taro Kono on Tuesday told reporters that the United States had arranged to test its personnel before they leave quarantine, according to a translation of a news conference posted to the ministry's website.

"I understand that they will firmly carry it out as it is extremely important to prevent spread of infectious disease and maintain readiness among the U.S. military," he said.

At the time of Kono's statement, the U.S. was not requiring tests

for those completing quarantine.

"I think those who are positive but have no symptoms are spreading the infection," he said. "I think tests are important in that sense, too."

Kono raised the issue after a military family tested positive after taking a commercial flight from Tokyo to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni on July 13. Reports also surfaced in Japanese media of inbound U.S. personnel quarantined in city hotels in Okinawa, a practice the U.S. ended.

The number of people in quarantine each week who are affiliated with the U.S. military in Japan was unavailable Friday. Testing will take place between the 10th and 13th days of quarantine to allow time to process the tests, White said.

Some U.S. personnel are already being tested after the 14-day period, however. On Friday, one person at Yokosuka tested positive after 14 days in quarantine, according to a post on the installation's Facebook page. The base had nine active coronavirus cases as of Friday.

The 14-day period is based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The exact incubation period for the coronavirus is unknown, but patients with similar viruses take between two and 14 days to develop symptoms, according to the CDC.

Scientists believe patients may be contagious for between 10 and 20 days, according to the CDC.

On Tuesday, Kono said Japan and the U.S. had discussed requiring coronavirus tests before travelers left for Japan, but that would have been more complicated "since it would involve a great number of people to do it when leaving the U.S.," he said.

Japanese officials are testing U.S. military travelers upon their arrival at Japanese airports. Of the nine active cases at Yokosuka, seven were discovered through airport tests.

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VIRUS OUTBREAK

N. Korea locks down city over suspected case

By HYUNG-JIN KIM
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korean leader Kim Jong Un placed the city of Kaesong near the border with South Korea under total lockdown after a person was found there with suspected COVID-19 symptoms, saying “the vicious virus” may have entered the country, state media reported Sunday.

If the person is officially declared a coronavirus patient, he or she would be North Korea's first confirmed case. The North has steadfastly said it has had no cases of the virus, a claim questioned by outside experts.

The lockdown was declared Friday afternoon. The North's official Korean Central News Agency said the suspected virus patient is a runaway who fled to South Korea three years ago before illegally crossing the border into the North early last week.

KCNA said respiratory secretion and blood tests showed the person “is suspected to have been infected” with the coronavirus. It said the person was placed under quarantine. People who had been in contact with the suspected patient and those who had been to Kaesong in the last five days were also quarantined.

Describing its anti-virus efforts as a “matter of national existence,” North Korea earlier this year shut down nearly all cross-border traffic, banned foreign tourists and mobilized health workers to quarantine anyone with symptoms. But the Kaesong lockdown is the first such known measure taken in a North Korean city to stem the pandemic.

Foreign experts have said that a coronavirus outbreak in North Korea could cause dire consequences because of its fragile public health care infrastructure and chronic lack of medical supplies. They are also skeptical about North Korea's claim of having had no infections because the

country shares a long, porous border with China, its biggest trading partner, where the world's first known virus cases were reported in December.

Kaesong, a city with an estimated population of 200,000, is located just north of the heavily fortified land border with South Korea.

During an emergency Politburo meeting Saturday, Kim also declared a state of emergency in the Kaesong area and “clarified the determination of the Party Central Committee to shift from the state emergency anti-epidemic system to the maximum emergency system and issue a top-class alert,” KCNA said.

It quoted Kim as saying there was “a critical situation in which the vicious virus could be said to have entered the country.” Kim said he took “the preemptive measure of totally blocking Kaesong City and isolating each district and region from the other” on Friday afternoon after getting the report on it, according to KCNA.

Analyst Cheong Seong-Chang at the private Sejong Institute in South Korea said a thorough lockdown in Kaesong would make it difficult for a potential virus outbreak to spread beyond the city. But he said virus fears would engulf North Korean leaders.

“The anxiety and fears about COVID-19 spreading in the North Korean leadership would be much bigger than outsiders can roughly speculate because the country lacks test kits and has virtually no facilities to treat virus patients,” Cheong said.

The Politburo meeting also discussed the “loose guard performance” at the border area where the suspected patient crossed over to North Korea, KCNA said.

It said that Kim and other leaders were briefed on the results of an investigation of a military unit responsible for the border crossing and discussed administering “a severe punishment.”



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Carla Tyson, interim flight chief for the Airmen and Family Readiness Center at Yokota Air Base in Japan, coordinates a Stress Treatment and Resiliency Team that links those in quarantine with people who can help them, such as the USO, chaplains and military family life counselors.

Air Force tweaks the way it welcomes troops to Tokyo

By SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — During a typical summer, newly arrived airmen and their families would be scurrying around the home of U.S. Forces Japan in western Tokyo registering vehicles, completing school paperwork and setting up cellphone and cable TV service.

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, however, newcomers must spend their first two weeks in Japan under quarantine. That's prompted the Air Force to change the way it receives them.

At Yokota, new arrivals are surveyed on their needs before going straight to a house, apartment or other lodging. Carla Tyson, interim flight chief for the base's Airmen and Family Readiness Center, said Friday.

Tyson is coordinating a Stress Treatment and Resiliency Team that links those in quarantine with folks who can help them, such as the USO, chaplains and military family life counselors.

The Air Force declined to give exact numbers of airmen arriving at Yokota this summer. Tyson

said, however, that between 10 and 130 people are in quarantine at the base any given week.

When people arrive at the base, they're met by their sponsor or first sergeant and get a welcome package containing points of contact and a survey asking them about their immediate needs and how often they'd like to be contacted, Tyson said.

Most people request certain foods or reading materials, she said. Some want to be contacted every other day and others prefer to reach out if they need something.

Air Force 1st Lt. Jessica Snow, who recently arrived at Yokota to start a job with 5th Air Force, completed quarantine last week.

“It's two weeks of no work,” she said. “I slept and watched TV, so I liked it. I [quarantined] by myself but I had a coworker that [quarantined] with her husband and two kids, so it was a bit tougher.”

Snow said she did most of her in-processing electronically.

“I used my computer to make sure I got my housing stuff done, anything with work, so when I got off of [quarantine] I was pretty much good to go,” she said.

People under quarantine have internet access without restrictions on communication, Tyson said.

They can leave their place of residence only to do activities of short duration such as laundry, pet walking or “wellness breaks” in the yard, according to information in an email from Yokota spokeswoman Kaori Matsukasa on Friday.

“Personnel in [quarantine] must avoid social gatherings and all public locations including gymnasium where reasonably expected to have other people present,” the email said.

In the past, sponsors would have escorted new arrivals to various spots around base. Now, Tyson said, they're focused on helping them during quarantine.

“Even with the restrictions of movement, they can still be in balance and have everything they need for those two weeks,” she said. “Our goal is that their emotional, social and spiritual needs are met.”

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South Africa warns COVID-19 corruption puts ‘lives at risk’

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JOHANNESBURG — South Africa's COVID-19 response is marred by corruption allegations around its historic \$26 billion economic relief package, as the country with the world's fifth-highest number of COVID-19 cases braces for more.

President Cyril Ramaphosa has announced a wide-ranging

investigation into claims that unscrupulous officials and private companies are looting efforts to protect the country's 57 million people.

“More so than at any other time, corruption puts our lives at risk,” he said in a national address last week.

Food for the poor, personal protective equipment for health workers and grants for those laid off have all been affected, he said.

South Africa is seen as the best-prepared of any country in sub-Saharan Africa for COVID-19, but years of rampant corruption have weakened institutions, including the health system. In October, the head of the government's Special Investigating Unit said fraud, waste and abuse in health care siphoned off \$2.3 billion a year.

South Africa now has more than 434,000 confirmed virus cases — well over half of the continent's

total — and over 6,600 deaths. Public hospitals struggle and some health workers are openly scared. More than 5,000 of them have been infected.

While nurses and others plead for more protection, overpricing scams for badly needed supplies are on the rise. After inflating face mask prices by up to 900%, companies Securo Safety and Hennox Supplies admitted guilt and were fined.

At health workers union Hospersa, general secretary Noel Desfontaines welcomed the government's acknowledgement of the trouble.

“The health minister tells us that enough money has been distributed for PPE to provinces, but when we go to hospitals we do not see this,” Desfontaines said. “In some cases, it has been purchased but it does not reach the people it was intended for.”

VIRUS OUTBREAK

France going backward as daily rates rise

By JOHN LEICESTER
Associated Press

PARIS — France's coronavirus infection rate crept higher Saturday and Spain cracked down on nightlife but German authorities were confident enough to send a cruise ship out to sea with 1,200 passengers for a weekend test of how the cruise industry can begin to resume.

French health authorities said the closely watched "R" gauge is now up to 1.3, suggesting that infected people are contaminating 1.3 other people on average. That means the virus still has enough victims to keep on going instead of petering out.

France's daily new infections are also rising — up to 1,130 on Friday. Health authorities warned that the country is going backward in its battle against the pandemic, which has already killed at least 30,195 people in the country and that infection indicators now resemble those seen in May, when France was coming out of its strict two-month lockdown.

"We have thus erased much of the progress that we'd achieved in the first weeks of lockdown-easing," health authorities said, adding that the French appear to be letting down their guard during their summer vacations and those testing positive are making less of an effort to self-isolate.

They appealed for a return to "collective discipline," asking people to work from home and get tested if they have any suspicions of infection.

In Spain, Catalonia became

the latest region to crack down on nightlife, trying to tamp down on new infection clusters. The wealthy northeast region home to Barcelona ordered all nightclubs to close for 15 days and put a midnight curfew on bars in the greater Barcelona area and other towns around Lleida that have become contagion hot zones.

Spain has reported more than 900 new daily infections for the last two days as authorities warn that the country that lost over 28,000 lives before getting its outbreak under control could be facing the start of a second major outbreak.

Despite the concerns, some European countries kept up their gradual reopenings Saturday.

Swimming pools and gyms in England were back in business as public health officials extolled the benefits of exercise in fighting COVID-19. Britain announced a fresh attack on obesity as part of the move, hoping that a fitter nation might be able to minimize the impact of future waves of the virus.

A German cruise ship set sail for the first time since the industry was shut down. "Mein Schiff 2" sailed from the port of Hamburg toward Norway on Friday night, and passengers will spend the weekend at sea with no land stops before returning to Germany on Monday. The ship had only 136 people on board compared with its normal 2,900 capacity.

But with many other cruise companies now looking toward trips in 2021, interest was sure to be high in how Germany, which



DANIEL/AP

Beachgoers enjoy the sun Saturday at the Plage des Catalans in Marseille, southern France.

has been praised for its handling of the pandemic, can kick off the struggling cruise industry.

In other parts of the world, the pandemic appeared to have the upper hand.

India, which has the world's third-highest infection toll behind the United States and Brazil, reported its death toll rose by 740 to 30,601. It saw a surge of more than 49,000 new cases, raising its total to over 1.2 million. The

Home Ministry issued an advisory calling for Independence Day celebrations on Aug. 15 to avoid large gatherings.

South Africa, Africa's hardest-hit country, reported more than 13,000 new cases, raising its total to over 408,000.

South Korea on Saturday reported more than 100 new coronavirus cases for the first time in four months. The 113 new cases included 36 workers returning

from Iraq and 32 crew members of a Russian freighter.

Worldwide, more than 15.7 million infections and over 640,000 deaths have been reported, according to data compiled from government announcements by Johns Hopkins University. Experts say all those figures understate the true toll of the pandemic, due to limited testing and other issues.

Pandemic poses extra challenge for Arizona firefighters

Associated Press

PHOENIX — This year's wild-fire season has been an extra challenging one for firefighters. Not only have crews had to battle some massive fires around Arizona, they have had to deal with changes in their routine due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pre-pandemic firefighters had their own way of life including routine morning briefings, respectful handshakes and community meals, according to the Arizona Republic.

But now, every meal is pre-packaged and firefighters have to eat 6 to 10 feet apart, crew members wave at each other instead of shaking hands and they attend virtual briefings on their smart phones or radios instead of massive and crowded in-person ones.

On top of that, Arizona has had a tough wildfire season due to a wet winter and dry summer conditions which fed massive fires across the state.

"This is the biggest impact that I've seen to the wildland fire-

fighting," Quentin Johnson, who has worked 30 years for the U.S. Forest Service, told the Republic.

Efforts to mitigate COVID-19 cases among firefighters have been successful so far, according to fire officials.

Arizona State Forestry spokesperson Tiffany Davila said that only one crew member tested positive for COVID-19 in May and has since quarantined and recovered.

The moment a firefighter gets symptoms for COVID-19, they are

isolated from crews and tested.

Before the pandemic, firefighters had gatherings of hundreds of people for daily briefings where they discuss an operations plan, a weather forecast, fire behavior analysis and a safety message.

Now the briefing is recorded and broadcast on the internet, and firefighters get the link on their phone or device to watch it alone.

Firefighters are getting their temperatures taken every day before they get on the line.

"I can't even describe how

drastically different the environment is, as far as camp and how we do things," said Steve Best, a 33-year firefighting veteran who recently worked on a wildfire near Tucson that charred nearly 120,000 acres before it was fully contained.

"There's no salad bars or go get-your-own coffee or drinks or anything," Best added. "Somebody's handing you stuff. They're constantly sanitizing, everybody's wearing face masks. It's just a very, very radically different environment than I've ever seen."

More than 100 New York City bars cited for distancing violations

Associated Press

NEW YORK — More than 100 bars and restaurants in the New York City area were flagged for coronavirus social distancing violations this weekend, and some now face the possible suspension of their liquor licenses, Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Sunday.

The violations, for issues such as people crowding outside and workers not wearing masks, were

handed out by a new state police and liquor authority enforcement task force inspecting establishments in the city and on Long Island, Cuomo said.

The state's liquor authority board will meet Monday to review the 105 violations and decide on the possible suspension of some licenses. Last week, the board yanked 10 licenses for social distancing violations.

Speaking to reporters on a conference call, Cuomo said the state tallied three deaths from coronavirus on Saturday while hospitalizations for the disease fell to 637, the lowest total since mid-March.

The number of new coronavirus cases in the state also remained low. Of 53,568 tests performed Saturday, just 536 — or about 1% — returned a positive result, Cuomo said.

The governor, a Democrat, chastised newspaper editorial writers who've urged the state to hasten the reopening of businesses and other aspects of normal society. Cuomo said the deliberate measures he's implemented have worked to quell the virus while other states continue to see massive spikes.

Residents from 31 states, including Texas and Florida, must

quarantine for 14 days when arriving in New York because those states have a seven-day rolling average of positive tests exceeding 10% or positive case totals exceeding 10 per 100,000 residents.

"Don't get cocky don't get arrogant," Cuomo warned New Yorkers. "There are still threats that are out there. You still have the national threat, and then you have the compliance challenge."

VIRUS OUTBREAK

Congress close to approval of second round of relief

By LISA MASCARO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said Saturday that Republicans were set to roll out the next COVID-19 aid package Monday and assured there was backing from the White House after he and President Donald Trump's top aide met to salvage the \$1 trillion proposal that had floundered just days before.

Mnuchin told reporters at the Capitol that extending an expiring unemployment benefit — but reducing it substantially — was a top priority for Trump. The secretary called the \$600 weekly aid “ridiculous” and a disincentive for people to go back to work. He also promised a fresh round of \$1,200 stimulus checks would be coming in August.

“We’re prepared to move quickly,” Mnuchin said after he and Mark Meadows, the president’s acting chief of staff, spent several hours with GOP staff at the Capitol. He said the president would “absolutely” support the emerging Republican package.

Mnuchin’s optimistic assess-

ment came before Democrats weighed in publicly on the updated proposal, which remained only a starting point in negotiations with House and Senate leaders in the other party. He said he recently called House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer ahead of shuttle negotiations next week on the broader deal.

The White House and Senate Republicans were racing to regroup after plans to introduce a \$1 trillion virus rescue bill collapsed Thursday amid GOP infighting over its size, scope and details. It was expected to bring \$105 billion to help schools reopen, new money for virus testing and benefits for businesses, including a fresh round of loans, tax breaks and a sweeping liability shield from COVID-related lawsuits.

As Republicans struggled, the White House team downplayed the differences with the GOP senators as overblown and said Trump was focused on providing relief.

“The president has been very clear. He wants to make sure that the American people have what

they need during this unprecedented time,” Meadows said, “to make sure not only the money is there but the programs.”

The expiration of the \$600 weekly jobless benefits boost had been propelling the Republicans to act. Democrats already approved their sweeping \$3 trillion plan from Pelosi two months ago. But with millions of Americans about to be suddenly cut off from the aid starting Saturday, they were bracing to prevent social and economic fallout.

The White House floated plans to cut the additional aid back to \$100 a week, while Senate Republicans preferred \$200, with general agreement about phasing out the flat boost in favor of one that ensures no more than 70% of an employee’s previous pay.

Mnuchin also said the \$1,200 direct payments would be based on the same formula from the earlier aid bill. Individuals making \$75,000 or less, for example, received the full amount and those making more than \$75,000 received less than \$1,200 depending on their income. Individuals earning above \$100,000 did not qualify for the payment.



EVAN VUCCA/AP

President Donald Trump meets with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, left, last week in Washington. Republicans are set to roll out the next COVID-19 aid package.

“We’ll get the majority of them out in August and those will help people,” Mnuchin said.

The administration officials said the overall package remained at \$1 trillion, apparently on par with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell’s original draft.

Democrats had warned time was running out, saying Republicans were in disarray.

The jobless benefit officially expires July 31, but due to the way states process unemployment payments, the cutoff was effectively Saturday. Other aid, including a federal eviction moratorium on millions of rental units,

also expires at month’s end.

The GOP plan was not expected to come to a vote but serve as a counter-offer to Democrats. That strategy enabled McConnell, who did not have full support from his GOP majority, to avoid having to endure a failed outcome. But it also gave Democrats some leverage in insisting on their priorities as part of any final deal.

The path ahead remained uncertain, but both sides were scrambling to reach a deal.

McConnell, who spent time over the weekend in his home state of the Kentucky, said Friday he hoped a package could be agreed on in the next few weeks.”

Colleges vary widely in strategies for virus testing

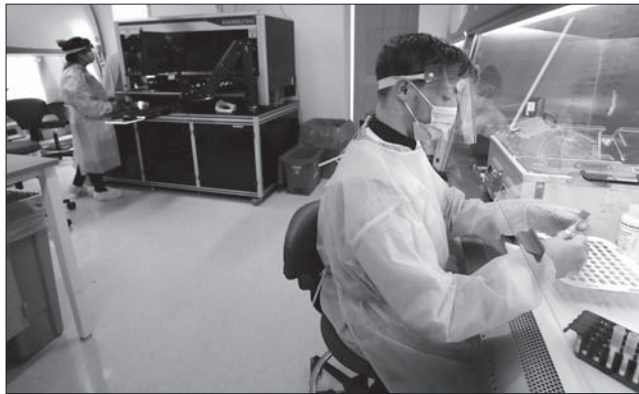
By COLLIN BINKLEY
Associated Press

BOSTON — For students heading to Colby College in Maine this fall, coronavirus testing is expected to be a routine part of campus life. All students will be required to provide a nasal swab every other day for two weeks, and then twice a week after that. All told, the college says it will provide 85,000 tests, nearly as many as the entire state of Maine has since the pandemic started.

Colby, a private school of 2,000 students, joins a growing number of colleges announcing aggressive testing plans to catch and isolate COVID-19 cases before they spread. Harvard University says all students living on campus will be tested when they arrive and then three times a week. Boston University plans to test most students at least once a week.

But whether colleges should be testing every student — and whether there’s capacity for it — is a subject of debate. Some colleges plan to test students only if they show symptoms or come into close contact with someone who has tested positive. But some researchers say that approach could quickly cause outbreaks caused by students who don’t show symptoms.

As universities hurry to make plans for virus testing, federal officials are warning that they could overload labs that process tests for hospitals. In a call with



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

James Robson, a biomedical engineering graduate student, sits in the new COVID-19, on-campus testing lab Thursday at Boston University in Boston.

governors last Monday, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar said too many colleges are signing contracts with commercial labs, which threatens to “jam up the capacity” of the system.

Instead, Azar said colleges should develop testing operations in their own labs, especially at big research universities.

Virus testing is just one of many safety measures colleges are planning as they look to reopen. Many also plan to reduce class sizes, limit dorm capacity, require masks and ban large gatherings. By testing, colleges hope to identify sick students and place them in isolation spaces to prevent further spread of the virus.

For months, university leaders have argued that testing is crucial to a safe reopening. But with limited guidance from federal officials, colleges have created a patchwork of strategies based on advice from state agencies and on research from their own health experts.

Dozens of universities plan to test students when they arrive,

but after that initial screening, some plan to focus on students with symptoms. Some other schools say they will test random samples of students, while some plan to test all students at various intervals.

Of particular concern for colleges is the risk that students could arrive on campus carrying the virus without knowing it. Some are asking students to get tested before they arrive. Ithaca College recently announced that students from more than 20 states with higher virus rates will be barred from campus.

Even with testing, several colleges have already seen outbreaks among athletes and other students who returned to campus this summer. The University of North Carolina paused football workouts this month after 37 athletes, coaches and staff members tested positive.

Some, however, say widespread testing isn’t an option.

A month ago, Boise State University said students living on campus would face mandatory testing when they arrived. But as cases spiked this month, the school scrapped the plan, saying local testing capacity had become “significantly strained.”

And at Randolph College, a school of 600 students in Lynchburg, Va., officials Thursday canceled plans for in-person classes this fall. A key factor, they said, was their inability to test large numbers of students.

VIRUS OUTBREAK ROUNDUP

Cuomo: NY hospitalizations at new low since mid-March

From wire reports

NEW YORK — Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced Saturday that the state's COVID-19 hospitalizations and ICU patients were at a new low since mid-March, and urged its residents to continue following the protocols that fueled New York's declining coronavirus numbers.

The latest statewide figures indicated hospitalizations on Friday were down to 646, the lowest figure since March 18, while the number of patients in intensive care units stood at 149 — the least since March 15.

"It's essential that we stay vigilant by social distancing, wearing masks and washing our hands as this pandemic is far from over," said the governor, sounding a cautionary note despite the decline. "I urge everyone to stay New York tough and New York smart."

While the news was heartening, Cuomo said this was no time for New Yorkers to become overconfident in the war against the lethal virus.

The latest New York state death toll stood at 25,103 with the latest 10 victims included in Saturday's numbers.

The figures for New Yorkers testing positive also remained low, with slightly more than 1% of the 71,466 tests returned Friday indicating coronavirus infection.

"New York's numbers continue to show progress in the midst of alarming increase in COVID-19 cases throughout the country and a renewed need to ensure compliance with state guidance here at home," said Cuomo.

California

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles County health officials on Saturday reported 3,628 new COVID-19 cases and 53 related deaths, high numbers that in part reflect reporting delays in the state's electronic laboratory system.

The total number of cases in the county now stands at 172,325, with a cumulative 4,351 deaths, officials said in a statement. There have been 446,148 confirmed cases in California, and 8,406 people have died statewide.

The majority of new positive cases in L.A. County are occurring in people under the age of 50, officials said.

As the surge in cases continues, health officials have increased their efforts to persuade people to take steps to prevent

the spread of the coronavirus, including wearing masks, avoiding gatherings and adhering to social distancing.

"I know these are frustrating times and that we want life to return to normal. We want to join our friends for dinner inside a restaurant and gather with extended family for a summer barbecue," said L.A. County Director of Public Health Barbara Ferrer. "Unfortunately, we just are not at a point where those activities are safe."

Georgia

ATLANTA — Georgia Democratic Senate candidate Jon Ossoff says he's in isolation with his wife, who contracted COVID-19.

The 33-year-old candidate said his wife, Dr. Alisha Kramer, has mild coronavirus symptoms and that he's showing symptoms, too. He said he was tested Saturday and is awaiting results while self-quarantining.

Ossoff's campaign communications director, Miryam Lipper, said on Twitter that he "has not held or participated in an in-person campaign event in over a month and will remain in isolation until medical professionals clear both him and" his wife.

Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Just weeks away from the ringing of the schoolhouse bell, scores of people rallied at the state Capitol on Saturday against the state's requirement that schoolchildren must wear face coverings this fall to discourage transmission of the highly contagious and potentially deadly coronavirus.

In a state where the numbers of cases of COVID-19 are rising, if not as quickly as they are surging in several other states, the protesters took aim at Gov. J.B. Pritzker's broadcast this week that people who forego face coverings are "the enemy."

"I don't think all this pressure needs to be put on the kids," said Adam Dunn of Decatur, whose kids are out of school. "They need freedom to go play, have a childhood."

The "Million Unmasked March," which took its name from the social-justice march a quarter-century ago, drew about 250 people, including a stalwart group of counter-demonstrators who periodically let loose their own shouted protests from across



JUSTIN L. FOWLER, THE (SPRINGFIELD, ILL.) STATE JOURNAL-REGISTER/AP

Protesters in the "Million Unmasked March" try to overshadow a counter protest across the street from the Illinois State Capitol on Saturday, in Springfield, Ill. The protesters gathered in front of the Abraham Lincoln Statue to voice their opposition to guidelines that children be required to wear face masks when they return to school during the COVID-19 pandemic.

the street.

It came a day after Pritzker put four of Illinois' 102 counties on "warning level" status for dangerously increased numbers of COVID-19, which officials traced to "risky behavior" such as large gatherings and out-of-state travel.

The rally touched on the rights of "citizen-children," questioned the severity of COVID-19 in youngsters and their ability to pass it on, and raised the impracticality of expecting young kids to attend a full day of school without touching, fidgeting with, or even trading masks.

But it was Pritzker's provocative denunciation this week of doffing face coverings as a political statement that set off the crowd. The Democrat said, "The enemy is not the mask. If you're not wearing a mask in public, you're endangering everyone around you, so the enemy is you."

Maryland

BALTIMORE — Maryland confirmed 1,288 new coronavirus cases Saturday, the largest single-day increase in new confirmed cases since May 19, when 1,784 cases were reported.

It is Maryland's 12th straight day of adding more than 500 new confirmed cases of COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel

coronavirus, and brings the state up to 83,054 total cases.

The state also reported 11 more deaths Saturday. The confirmed death toll from the disease or complications from it since March has reached 3,304.

The number of people currently hospitalized because of COVID-19 in Maryland increased by 12 to 545 people, with 157 in intensive care, according to state data.

North Carolina

CHARLOTTE — Two more male inmates at a North Carolina prison with among the highest number of COVID-19 cases have died after testing positive for the virus, state prison officials said.

One offender at Albemarle Correctional Institution in Stanly County died at an unnamed hospital Friday, the Department of Public Safety said in a news release, while another housed at the prison died at a hospital Thursday.

Eight state prisoners with COVID-19 have died since the pandemic began, according to department data. Three were serving their sentences at Albemarle, which has reported over 100 positive cases to date.

The inmates who most recently died were hospitalized in early July and had tested positive weeks ago. Both died from preex-

isting conditions complicated by the virus. Citing privacy and confidentiality rules, officials haven't released the names of the prisoners who have died. The offender who died Thursday was in his early 60s, while the inmate who died Friday was in his early 70s.

The Division of Prisons is currently working to test every inmate in the state's more than 50 prisons.

Wisconsin

MADISON — Wisconsin confirmed 13 new COVID-19 deaths on Saturday, bringing the statewide death toll to 891.

The latest figures from the state Department of Health Services show there were 953 newly reported cases Saturday, bringing the state's total to nearly 48,000.

On Saturday, the seven-day average of new cases was 912. That was three fewer than on Friday, which was the highest seven-day average since the outbreak began.

A total of 856,398 people have been tested for the coronavirus, including 14,201 reported Saturday.

The number of people who have ever been hospitalized in the state was 4,370 on Saturday, up 43 from Friday.

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NATION

Unrest: Protesters defy orders to leave as arrest threatened

FROM FRONT PAGE

the city by President Donald Trump. Protesters breached a fence surrounding the city's federal courthouse building where the agents have been stationed.

Police declared the situation to be a riot and at around 1:20 a.m., they began ordering people to leave the area surrounding the courthouse or risk arrest, saying on Twitter that the violence had created "a grave risk" to the public. About 20 minutes later, federal officers and local police could be seen attempting to clear the area and deploying tear gas, however, protesters remained past 2:30 a.m., forming lines across intersections and holding makeshift shields as police patrolled and closed off blocks abutting the area. Multiple arrests were made, but it wasn't immediately clear how

many.

In the Texas capital of Austin, a protester was shot and killed Saturday night after witnesses say he approached a car that had driven through a march against police violence. In video streamed live on Facebook, a car can be heard honking before several shots ring out and protesters start screaming and scattering for cover. Police could then be seen tending to someone lying in the street.

Michael Capochiano, who attended the protest, told the Austin American-Statesman that the slain protester had a rifle and that the car's driver fired several shots at him before speeding away. Police said the driver was detained and was cooperating with investigators.

In the Denver suburb of Aurora, Colo., meanwhile, a protester shot



MARC JOSE SANCHEZ/AP

Demonstrators try to topple a steel fence during a Black Lives Matter protest at the Mark O. Hatfield United States Courthouse on Saturday, in Portland, Ore.

and wounded someone after a car drove through a crowd marching on an interstate highway, police said. The wounded person was

taken to a hospital in stable condition. Police didn't release many details about the shooting, including whether the person who was

shot had been in the car. Police said on Twitter that demonstrators also caused "major damage," to a courthouse.

Protesters set fire to Calif. courthouse, vandalize police station

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — A protest through the streets of downtown Oakland, Calif., in support of racial justice and police reform turned violent when "agitators" among the demonstrators set fire to a courthouse, vandalized a police station and shot fireworks at officers, authorities said.

About 700 demonstrators participated in what started as a peaceful march Saturday night but then some broke from the larger group and smashed windows, spray-painted graffiti and pointed lasers at officers, the Oakland Police Department said on Twitter. Several tweets called for peace and asked organizers to "help us provide safe spaces and safe places for demonstrators."

Several fires were set in the downtown area, including one at the Alameda County Superior Courthouse that was quickly contained. Police said protesters at one point were "breaking windows and chanting racial slurs at residents." Photos tweeted by the department showed broken glass and paint splattered on the police headquarters building.

Video posted by police showed a man kicking down barricades in front of the building after an "unlawful assembly" was declared by police around 11:30 p.m. and officers asked the crowd to disperse. Police said they made several arrests but did not provide details. There were no immediate reports of injuries to protesters or officers.

The protest began earlier Saturday evening with groups such as the "Wall of Moms," similar to a group that formed in Portland, Ore., as protesters faced off with U.S. agents deployed to that city



CHRISTIAN MONTERROSA/AP

A protester holds a burnt flag in front of a mural during a protest Saturday, in Oakland, Calif.

to guard a federal courthouse. President Donald Trump had sent the federal agents to clamp down on protests that have occurred nightly since the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis on May 25.

Elsewhere, Seattle police declared a riot Saturday following large demonstrations in the city's Capitol Hill neighborhood and deployed flash bangs and pepper spray to try to clear an area near where weeks earlier people had set up an "occupied protest zone" that stretched for several blocks.

Via Twitter, police said they had made more than two dozen arrests for assault on officers, obstruction and failure to disperse. They also said they were "investigating a possible explosive damage" to the walls of the city's East Precinct police station.

Authorities said rocks, bottles, fireworks and mortars were thrown at officers as they attempted to clear the area over the course of several hours stretching into Saturday night. One officer was hospitalized with a leg injury caused by an explosive.

Earlier, protesters in Seattle broke through a fence where a youth detention facility was being built, with some people setting a fire and damaging a portable trailer, authorities said.

Thousands of protesters had initially gathered peacefully near downtown in a show of solidarity with fellow demonstrators in Portland, Ore., where tensions with federal law enforcement have boiled over during protests stemming from the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

Initially, there was no sign of

Fires set, windows broken during raucous Va. protest

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — A city dump truck was set on fire as protesters faced off with police in Virginia's capital during a demonstration in support of protesters on the other side of the country in Portland, Ore.

Virginia State Police and Richmond police worked to clear the crowd of several hundred demonstrators late Saturday. City police declared an "unlawful assembly" around 11 p.m., and what appeared to be tear gas was deployed to disperse the group.

Protesters had been planning for days the demonstration that was called "Richmond Stands with Portland," news outlets reported, in an apparent reaction to ongoing tensions between protesters and U.S. agents at the federal courthouse in Oregon's largest

city.

Weeks of nationwide unrest have struck several U.S. cities since the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis on May 25.

Saturday's protest in Richmond started at a park and then demonstrators marched to police headquarters, according to news outlets.

Police tweeted a photo of rocks, batteries and other items the department said were thrown at its officers during the protest. A video also showed an officer extinguishing a mattress on fire in the middle of a road.

Glass windows were also shattered at a Chipotle restaurant and a Virginia Commonwealth University dorm, the Richmond Times-Dispatch reported.

law enforcement near the Seattle march. Later, Seattle Police said via Twitter that about a dozen people breached the construction site for the King County youth detention facility. Also, police said protesters broke out windows at a King County court facility.

Earlier this week King County Executive Dow Constantine, in response to long-standing demands by community activists, said he would work to eliminate

youth detention centers in the county by 2025.

After the fire at the construction site, authorities said they had ordered people to leave a different area, in a section of Capitol Hill, near downtown, where the East Precinct is. At least one person broke through a fence line at the precinct, authorities said, and moments later a device explosive that left an 8-inch hole in the side of the precinct.

NATION

Tropical Storm Hanna drenches Texas coast

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Associated Press

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — A day after roaring ashore as a hurricane, Hanna lashed the Texas Gulf Coast on Sunday with high winds and drenching rains that destroyed boats, flooded streets and knocked out power across a region already reeling from a surge in coronavirus cases.

Downgraded to a tropical storm, Hanna hovered over the U.S.-Mexico border in the morning with winds near 50 mph, the National Hurricane Center said. It was expected to unload as much as 18 inches of rain on parts of South Texas and northeastern Mexico.

Daniel Brown, a senior hurricane specialist, urged people in flooded areas to shelter in place.

Shelters were opened in hotels, schools and gyms. In Hidalgo County, Texas, a community building known as the "Dome" was set aside for evacuees who had tested positive for COVID-19 or were exposed to the virus. The county instructed those who needed shelter to bring masks and hand sanitizer if they could.

Coastal states scrambled this spring to adjust emergency hurricane plans to account for the virus, and Hanna loomed as the first big test.

Gov. Greg Abbott said Saturday that some people in need of shelter would be given hotel rooms to keep them apart from others.

"We cannot allow this hurri-

cane to lead to a more catastrophically deadly event by stoking additional spread of COVID-19 that could lead to fatalities," he said.

The first hurricane of the 2020 Atlantic season blew ashore as a Category 1 storm late Saturday afternoon with winds of 90 mph not far from Port Mansfield, which is about 130 miles south of Corpus Christi.

Parts of South Texas had gotten at least 9 inches of rain, including Cameron County, which includes Brownsville.

In the Pacific Ocean, meanwhile, Hurricane Douglas closed in on Hawaii over the weekend.

Corpus Christi is in Nueces County, where health officials made headlines when they revealed that 60 babies tested positive for COVID-19 from July 1 to July 16. Farther south in Cameron County, more than 300 new cases have been reported almost daily for the past two weeks. The past week has also been the county's deadliest of the pandemic.

Sherry Boehme, who lives in a condo along the beach in Corpus Christi, said the storm's approach increased the anxiety she has felt during the pandemic. The 67-year-old woman has mostly stayed at home because of health problems related to chronic lung disease.

"It's almost like a double whammy to us," Boehme said Saturday by phone. "I think it's made a lot of people nervous. ... We'll get through it. Everybody is good and strong and sticks together."



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A man holds the front on his umbrella as he fights heavy rain and wind on Seavall Boulevard on Saturday, in Galveston, Texas. Outer bands of Hurricane Hanna are affecting the Houston and Galveston areas.

Hanna came nearly three years after Hurricane Harvey blew ashore northeast of Corpus Christi. Hanna was not expected to be as destructive as Harvey, which killed 68 people and caused an estimated \$125 billion in damage in Texas.

More than 180,000 custom-

ers were without power Sunday morning throughout South Texas, including Corpus Christi, Harlingen and Brownsville, according to AEP Texas.

The Coast Guard helped rescue a couple without injuries after their sailboat began taking on water Saturday evening in a har-

bor near Corpus Christi.

Mexico's northeasternmost states, Tamaulipas and Nuevo Leon, also took precautions ahead of the storm. Tamaulipas disinfected shelters to try to avoid spreading COVID-19, authorities said.

Hawaii prepares for winds, rain as hurricane nears

By AUDREY McAVOY
Associated Press

HONOLULU — Hawaii prepared for the onslaught of Hurricane Douglas on Sunday, with predictions of high winds, rain and storm surge.

Douglas weakened Saturday to a Category 1 hurricane as it approached Hawaii, but officials warned people should not be lulled into complacency.

"Douglas is continuing a gradual, slow, weakening trend, which in itself is good news, but the bad news is that this hurricane is going to come very close to the islands even as it's weakening," said Robert Ballard, the science and operations officer at the Central Pacific Hurricane Center. "And we do expect significant impacts as it makes its point of closest approach or possible landfall as it comes through."

Oahu, home to the state's largest city, Honolulu, was placed under a hurricane warning with the storm beginning to impact the island as early as late morning. The Big Island, Maui and Kauai were under tropical storm warnings.

Maximum sustained winds decreased to about 90 mph as of Saturday.

"We know that it is weakening as it approaches, but it still will have significant impact on each island," Hawaii Gov. David Ige said at a news conference.

State health department officials contacted each of the 625 people who were currently in isolation or quarantine as of Friday because they are either COVID-19 positive, or have been in contact with someone who is. Every one of those indicated they would shelter-in-place and not seek refuge at a hur-



CALES JONES/AP

A worker puts reinforcements on boarded storefront windows in the Waikiki neighborhood of Honolulu on Saturday as Hurricane Douglas approaches.

ricane shelter.

"That gives a sigh of relief," said Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell.

Hawaii has some of the lowest coronavirus infection rates in the nation, but COVID-19 numbers have been rising in recent weeks. Every day since Thursday, Hawaii has reported record highs of newly confirmed cases, including 73 on Saturday.

Caldwell said at the same news conference that 13 shelters were to open at 9 a.m. Sunday around Oahu, well ahead of the hurricane impacting the island, anywhere from midday into the evening. People will have to wear face coverings to be admitted and will have to wear them unless they are eating, drinking or sleeping.

President Donald Trump issued an emergency declaration for Hawaii because of the hurricane, directing federal assistance to supplement state and local response efforts.

Police corral crowds as US Consulate in China closes

By SAM McNEIL
Associated Press

CHENGDU, China — Moving trucks and vehicles with diplomatic plates pulled out of a U.S. Consulate in southwest China on Sunday, as its impending closure over rising bilateral tensions drew a steady stream of onlookers for the second straight day.

People stopped to take selfies and photos, jamming a sidewalk busy with shoppers and families with strollers on a sunny day in the city of Chengdu. A little boy posed with a small Chinese flag before plainclothes police shoed him away as foreign media cameras zoomed in.

The capital of Sichuan province, along with Houston, Texas, has found itself in the limelight of international politics as China and the U.S. exchanged tit-for-tat orders last week to close each other's consulates in the two heartland cities.

Police in Chengdu have shut the street and sidewalk in front of the consulate and set up metal barriers along the sidewalk on the other side of the tree-lined road.

Uniformed and plainclothes officers kept watch on both sides of the barriers after scattered

incidents following the Chengdu announcement on Friday, including a man who set off firecrackers and hecklers who cursed at foreign media shooting video and photos of the scene.

A man who tried to unfurl a banner or sign late Sunday that he called an open letter to the Chinese government was quickly taken away.

Earlier, a bus left the consulate grounds and what appeared to be embassy staff spoke with plainclothes police before retreating back behind the property's solid black gates. It wasn't clear who or what was on the bus.

Three medium-size trucks arrived and left a few hours later, and cars with diplomatic plates departed in between.

China ordered the closing of the Chengdu consulate in retaliation for a U.S. order earlier in the week to close the Chinese Consulate in Houston.

The U.S. alleged that the Houston consulate was a nest of Chinese spies who tried to steal data from facilities in Texas, including the Texas A&M medical system and the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. China said the allegations were "malicious slander."

NATION

Civil rights icon Lewis remembered in hometown

By KIM CHANDLER
Associated Press

TROY, Ala. — Civil rights icon and longtime Georgia congressman John Lewis was remembered Saturday — in the rural Alabama county where his story began — as a humble man who sprang from his family's farm with a vision that "good trouble" could change the world.

The morning service in the city of Troy in rural Pike County was held at Troy University, where Lewis would often playfully remind the chancellor that he was denied admission in 1957 because he was Black, and where decades later he was awarded an honorary doctorate.

Lewis, who became a civil rights icon and a longtime Georgia congressman, died July 17 at the age of 80.

Saturday morning's service was titled "The Boy from Troy," the nickname the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. gave Lewis at their first meeting in 1958 in Montgomery. King had sent the 18-year-old Lewis a round-trip bus ticket because Lewis was interested in trying to attend the then-all-white university in Troy, just 10 miles from his family's farm in Pike County.

It was the first of six days of memorials and services.

On Sunday, his flag-draped casket was to be carried across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, where the one-time "Freedom Rider" was among civil rights demonstrators beaten by state troopers in 1965. He was also to lie in repose at the state Capitol in Montgomery. After another memorial at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, where he will lie in state, funeral services will be held in Georgia.

At the Troy University service, his brothers and sisters recalled Lewis — who was called Robert at home — as a boy who practiced preaching and singing gospel songs and was scared of thunder. And as a young man who left with



BYRON ANDERSON/AP

The casket of the late Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., lies in repose during a service celebrating "The Boy from Troy" at Troy University on Saturday in Troy, Ala.

a mind to change the world.

"I remember the day this John left home. Mother told him not to get in trouble, not to get in the way ... but we all know that John got in trouble, got in the way, but it was a good trouble," his brother Samuel Lewis said.

"And all of the troubles that he got himself into would change the world," Samuel Lewis said.

Lewis's casket was in the university's arena where attendees were seated spaced apart and masks were required for entry because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The John Lewis I want you to know about is the John Lewis who would gravitate to the least of us," his brother Henry Grant Lewis said. Even as a busy congressman, he always made time to attend family functions or to make a surprise appearance at a school or birthday party.

His brother said on the day Lewis was sworn in to Congress that they exchanged a thumbs-up. He later asked Lewis what he was thinking when they did. "He said, 'I was thinking this is a long way from the cotton fields of Alabama,'" Henry Grant Lewis

recalled.

Those cotton fields were in then-segregated Pike County, where Lewis as a child winced at the signs designating "whites only" locations.

At his 1958 meeting with King, the Rev. Ralph Abernathy and civil rights lawyer Fred Gray, Lewis talked about the possibility of a lawsuit to try to integrate the university at Troy, Gray recently recalled. The lawsuit ultimately did not happen because of concerns about retaliation his parents would face in the majority-white county.

"Even before he met Dr. King, he was interested in doing something about doing away with segregation. And he did it all his life," Gray told The Associated Press.

Lewis was one of 10 children born into a sharecropping family. His parents saved enough money to buy their own farm where the Lewis children worked the fields and tended the animals. A young Lewis was less fond of field work — often grouching about the grueling task — but eagerly took on the job of tending the chickens while practicing preaching.

In his autobiography, "Walking



JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

A military honor guard carries the casket of Rep. John Lewis during a memorial service at Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church on Saturday in Selma, Ala.

with the Wind," Lewis described how as a youngster he longed to go the county's public library, but wasn't allowed because it was for whites only.

"Even an eight-year-old could see there was something terribly wrong about that," Lewis wrote.

He would eventually apply for a library card there, knowing that he would be refused, in what he considered to be his first official act of resistance to racial apartheid.

In 1955, he heard a new voice on the radio: King, who was leading the Montgomery bus boycott about 50 miles away.

Lewis became a leader of the Freedom Riders, often facing violent and angry crowds, and was jailed dozens of times. In 1961, he was beaten after arriving at the same Montgomery station where he arrived three years earlier to meet King. In 1965, his skull was fractured on the bridge in

Selma when law enforcement of officers beat civil rights marchers in a melee that became known as Bloody Sunday.

President Barack Obama in 2011 awarded Lewis the Presidential Medal of Freedom, saying he was "an American who knew that change could not wait for some other person or some other time."

Last year, Lewis announced he had been diagnosed with advanced pancreatic cancer.

His sister Rosa Tyner told The Associated Press that about a week before his death she asked him about possibly seeing another doctor, but that he declined. "He said, 'No, I'm at peace. I'm at peace and I'm ready to go,'" she said.

His sister Ethel Mae Tyner said Saturday that, "this not a goodbye. It's just a different kind of hello."

"Rest well, Robert. Rest well."

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WORLD

Israeli protests lead to clashes, arrests

By TIA GOLDENBERG
Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel — Police said Sunday they arrested more than a dozen Israelis in country-wide protests the previous night that drew thousands of people in a growing and persistent show of force against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his handling of the coronavirus crisis.

Thousands of people demonstrated outside Netanyahu's official residence in Jerusalem and hundreds gathered in a seaside park in Tel Aviv, demanding Netanyahu's resignation and slamming his response to the crisis.

For the first time since the wave of protests began weeks ago, hundreds also assembled outside Netanyahu's private home in the upscale coastal town of Caesarea, where heavy security greeted them. Demonstrators across bridges and intersections waved black flags, the symbol of one of the movements behind the protests that is demanding Netanyahu's ouster.

The protests are emerging as among the biggest challenges to Netanyahu's lengthy rule since demonstrations over the cost of living in 2011 drew hundreds of thousands to the streets. They come following what critics say is Netanyahu's fumbling of the coronavirus response and in the shadow of Netanyahu's corruption trial, which resumed earlier this month.

At a press conference last week that coincided with protests, Netanyahu addressed the surging protests, warning demonstrators: "Do not drag the country into anarchy, violence, vandalism."

Critics say police have been heavy-handed in trying to clear out the protests, using water cannons to drive them out and in some cases causing injury.

Police fired water cannons on protesters at the Jerusalem protest and said 12 people were arrested there for being involved in disturbances. Two other people were arrested in separate locations for attacking protesters with pepper spray and a knife.



DMITRI LOVETSKY/AP

A warship floats along the Neva River during the Navy Day parade Sunday in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Putin promises new ships for Russian navy

Associated Press

MOSCOW — President Vladimir Putin said the Russian navy will get 40 new ships and vessels this year, as he attended a naval parade in St. Petersburg on Sunday marking the Navy Day in Russia.

The parade in St. Petersburg and the nearby town of Kronstadt featured 46 ships and vessels and over 4,000 troops and aimed to "demonstrate the growing power of our navy," Putin said Friday.

He said 40 ships and vessels of different classes will enter ser-

vice this year, and that the Russian navy will be equipped with hypersonic weapons to boost its combat capabilities.

The Kremlin has made military modernization its top priority amid tensions with the West that followed Moscow's 2014 annexation of Crimea.

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Road to be closed while radioactive soil cleared

MO HAZELWOOD — A portion of a St. Louis County road will be closed for a year and a half, in part to remove radioactive soil along a contaminated creek.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported that the 18-month closure of a stretch of Pershall Road in Hazelwood also will allow for the replacement of a bridge.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been removing soil along the north St. Louis County creek for many years. Radioactive waste was illegally dumped there decades ago, causing environmental damage and creating health concerns for people who lived near the creek.

Last year, a report released by a federal agency confirmed that people who lived near Coldwater Creek could face a higher risk of certain types of cancer.

Lawyers who volunteer at poll to earn credit

OH COLUMBUS — Lawyers who volunteer as poll workers could earn continuing education credit hours in exchange, under a program announced by the Ohio Supreme Court and the state elections chief as the state faces a poll worker shortage because of the coronavirus pandemic.

To earn the four hours of credit under the initiative, participating attorneys must complete training at local election boards and work the entire voting day. Workers typically serve from 5:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., when polls close.

"I can think of no greater opportunity for lawyers in Ohio to give back to our state than to get involved on election day and help fill the urgent need for poll workers," Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor said.

Ohio's licensed attorneys must earn 24 continuing education hours every two years.

Coast Guard rescues man from capsized boat

FL ST. PETERSBURG — The U.S. Coast Guard rescued a commercial fisherman who was clinging to a cooler in the Gulf of Mexico after his boat capsized, the day after evacuating a boy and his father from the same vessel.

According to a news release, an MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crew dispatched from Air Station Clearwater rescued Robert Heart, 48, who was clinging to a cooler in 3- to 4-foot seas. He was still near the 36-foot boat, which was almost entirely under the surface. He was taken to a Tampa hospital for medical evaluation.

Heart had declined help a day earlier, when the Coast Guard Cutter Diamondback responded to the Jenny Lynn to medically evacuate a boy who had fallen ill onboard. Heart told the crew that the boat was no longer working under its own power and that a sister vessel was on its way to help. The Coast Guard is now investigating what went wrong on the boat's ill-fated trip.



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Wild and wet

People participate in white water rafting at Riversport Adventures, an outdoor sports center in Oklahoma City.

Gunshots kill two while neighbors film rap video

LA BATON ROUGE — Two men were killed after gunfire erupted as a group gathered in a Louisiana neighborhood to film a rap music video, according to authorities.

When Baton Rouge police were called to the scene they found D'Andre Mills, 25, and Landon Johnson, 31, suffering from gunshot wounds, police spokesman Sgt. L'Jean McNeely said. The victims were taken to a hospital where they later died.

Police said a group had been shooting a rap video in a Baton Rouge neighborhood when the shooting happened. Neighbors said more than a dozen people had gathered on their street, but the group dispersed before police arrived, The Advocate reported.

"The sad thing is nobody stayed on the scene," the newspaper quoted McNeely as saying. "Zero witnesses."

Police did not say whether the two victims were involved with making the music video.

Rare leopard frogs found living in new area

AZ FLAGSTAFF — A rare frog was found in cen-

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The height in feet of Floyd, the oldest and tallest giraffe at the San Francisco Zoo, who died recently. The male reticulated giraffe, 18, had joint degeneration from aging and had suffered a "significant decline in health," a zoo statement said. Floyd was born in 2002 at the Albuquerque Zoo in Texas and transferred to the San Francisco Zoo in 2004. Over his lifetime, Floyd produced 11 offspring and had 24 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, who can be found all over the United States. The reticulated giraffe is considered a vulnerable species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

tral Arizona, beyond its known range in the Southwest.

A U.S. Forest Service volunteer recently photographed a Chiricahua leopard frog in an earthen stock tank near the town of Camp Verde in central Arizona, the agency said. Biologists later confirmed that at least 10 of the frogs were living there.

The aquatic frogs were thought to be only in eastern Arizona, western New Mexico and northern Mexico but historically were more widespread. The frogs' numbers have declined because of habitat loss, disease and predators.

Audrey Owens of the Arizona Game and Fish Department said the frogs could have moved into lower elevations in Camp Verde because they were seeking protected habitats or warmer temperatures that guard them from

fungal disease.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service listed the frogs as threatened in 2002.

Police arrest man for setting fires in a church

DE GLASGOW — A Delaware man was accused of setting multiple fires inside a church sanctuary.

The Delaware State Fire Marshal's office arrested Thomas Loftis III in connection with the blaze that erupted at Reach Church, news outlets reported.

He was captured just hours after the office released images that showed the suspect and a car they believed he used during the alleged arson. The Delaware News Journal reported. No one was injured during the blaze, but the fire caused approx-

imately \$250,000 in damages.

Loftis was charged with arson, burglary and criminal mischief. Rev. Chuck L. Betters previously said Reach Church was planning to reopen for in-person services in August.

Officials offer reward for murder of panther

FL TALLAHASSEE — Wildlife officials are offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information about the intentional killing of an endangered Florida panther.

A female panther was found dead east of Immokalee in Collier County on March 8, during the opening weekend of the spring turkey hunting season in south Florida.

A forensic examination of the panther carcass and other evidence indicated that the panther was intentionally killed and partially mutilated a day earlier, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission officials said.

Florida panthers are protected under the Endangered Species Act. Intentionally killing a Florida panther is punishable by up to one year in federal prison and a fine of up to \$100,000.

From wire reports

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Swift drops surprise album, 'folklore'

Associated Press

Taylor Swift created a new album while in isolation and released it Friday.

The pop star made the surprise announcement Thursday on Instagram. "folklore," her eighth record, comes less than a year after she dropped "Lover."

"Most of the things I had planned this summer didn't end up happening, but there is something I hadn't planned on that DID happen. And that thing is my 8th studio album, folklore. Surprise," she wrote. "Tonight at midnight I'll be releasing my entire brand new album of songs I've poured all of my whims, dreams, fears, and musings into. I wrote and recorded this music in isolation."

"Folklore" features Bon Iver, Aaron Dessner of The National and frequent collaborator Jack

Antonoff.

"Before this year I probably would've over-thought when to release this music at the 'perfect' time, but the times we're living in keep reminding me that nothing is guaranteed. My gut is telling me that if you make something you love, you should just put it out into the world. That's the side of uncertainty I can get on board with," Swift wrote.

The music video for the song "Cardigan" also premiered at midnight Eastern. Swift said because of the coronavirus pandemic, they took extra safety precautions while filming.

"The entire shoot was overseen by a medical inspector, everyone wore masks, stayed away from each other, and I even did my own hair, makeup, and styling," Swift wrote, ending the post with a laughing emoji.



REPUBLIC RECORDS/AP

"Folklore" is Taylor Swift's eighth studio album.

Everyman TV personality, host Regis Philbin dies at 88

By DAVID BAUDER

Associated Press

Regis Philbin, the genial host who shared his life with television viewers over morning coffee for decades and helped himself and some fans strike it rich with the game show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," has died at 88.

Philbin died of natural causes Friday night, according to a statement from his family provided by spokesman Lewis Kay.

Celebrities routinely stopped by Philbin's eponymous syndicated morning show, but his heart was in the first 15 minutes, when he and co-host Kathie Lee Gifford — on "Live! with Regis and Kathie Lee" from 1985-2000 — or Kelly Ripa — on "Live! with Regis and Kelly" from 2001 until his 2011 retirement — bantered about the events of the day. Viewers laughed at Philbin's mock indignation over not getting the best seat at a restaurant the night before, or being henpecked by his partner.

"Even I have a little trepidation," he told The Associated Press in 2008, when asked how he does a show every day. "You wake up in the morning and you say, 'What did I do last night that I can talk about? What's new in the paper? How are we gonna fill that 20 minutes?'"

"I'm not gonna say it always works out brilliantly, but somehow we connect more often

than we don't," he added.

Ripa and her current partner, Ryan Seacrest, called Philbin "the ultimate class act, bringing his laughter and joy into our homes every day."

"There are no words to fully express the love I have for my precious friend, Regis," Gifford said Saturday on Instagram. "I simply adored him and every day with him was a gift."

Philbin logged more than 15,000 hours on the air, earning him recognition in the Guinness Book of World Records for the most broadcast hours logged by a TV personality, a record previously held by Hugh Downs.

"Every day, you see the record shattered, pal!" Philbin would tell viewers. "One more hour!"

He was host of the prime-time game show, "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," briefly television's most popular show at the turn of the century. ABC aired the family friendly program as often as five times a week. It generated around \$1 billion in revenue in its first two years and helped make Philbin himself a millionaire many times over.

Philbin's question to contestants, "Is that your final answer?" became a national catchphrase. Philbin was even a fashion trendsetter; he put out a line of monochromatic shirts and ties to match what he wore on the set.

"You wait a lifetime for something like that and sometimes it never happens," Philbin



AP

Regis Philbin, left, and Kelly Ripa appear on Regis' farewell episode of "Live! with Regis and Kelly" on Nov. 18, 2011, in New York.

told the AP in 1999.

In 2008, he returned briefly to the quiz show format with "Million Dollar Passport." He also picked up the Lifetime Achievement Award from the daytime Emmys.

In the 2008 AP interview, Philbin said he saw "getting the best out of your guests" as "a specialty. ... The time constraints mean you've got to get right to the point, you've got to make it pay off, go to commercial, start again. Play that clip. Say goodbye." He gave his desktop a decisive rap.

"And make it all conversational."

Influential Fleetwood Mac guitarist Green dies at 73

Associated Press

Peter Green, the dexterous blues guitarist who led the first incarnation of Fleetwood Mac in a career shortened by psychedelic drugs and mental illness, has died at 73.

A law firm representing his family, Swan Turton, announced the death in a statement Saturday. It said he died "peacefully in his sleep."

Green, to some listeners, was the best of the British blues guitarists of the 1960s. B.B. King once said Green "has the sweetest tone I ever heard. He was the only one who gave me the cold sweats."

Green also made a mark as a composer with "Albatross," and as a songwriter with "Oh Well" and "Black Magic Woman."

He crashed out of the long-running band after four years. Even so, Mick Fleetwood said in an interview with The Associated Press in 2017 that Green deserves the lion's share of the credit for the band's success.



Green

"Peter was asked why did he call the band Fleetwood Mac. He said, 'Well, you know I thought maybe I'd move on at some point and I wanted Mick and John (McVie) to have a band.' End of story, explaining how generous he was," said Fleetwood, who described Green as a standout in an era of great guitar work.

Indeed, Green was so fundamental to the band that in its early days it was called Peter Green's Fleetwood Mac.

He was barely out of his teens when he got his first big break in 1966, replacing Eric Clapton in John Mayall's Bluesbreakers.

In the Bluesbreakers he was reunited with Fleetwood, a former colleague in John's Loner. Mayall added bass player McVie soon after.

The three departed the next year, forming the core of the band initially billed as "Peter Green's Fleetwood Mac featuring (guitarist) Jeremy Spencer."

The band's early albums were heavy blues-rock affairs marked by Green's fluid, evocative guitar style and gravely vocals. Notable singles included "Oh Well" and the Latin-flavored "Black Magic Woman," later a hit for Carlos Santana.

But as the band flourished, Green became increasingly erratic, even paranoid. Drugs played a part in his unraveling.

Green left Fleetwood Mac for good in 1971.

In his absence, the band's new line-up, including Christine McVie, Stevie Nicks and Lindsey Buckingham, gained enormous success with a more pop-tinged sound.

In 1998, he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame along with other past and present members of Fleetwood Mac.

HBO adapting Coates bestseller into special

A stage production of Ta-Nehisi Coates' "Between the World and Me," his prize-winning book about racism and police violence, is being adapted by HBO for a special this fall. HBO announced Thursday the program will feature readings from "Between the World and Me" and will be directed by Apollo Theater Executive Producer Kamillah Forbes, who handled the stage show in 2018 at the celebrated performance center in Harlem. Coates' book, published in 2015, is structured as an open letter to his son about what to expect as a Black person living in the U.S. "Between the World and Me" was a bestseller that won the National Book Award and received new attention this summer when Black Lives Matter protests led to a surge in sales for books about race and racism.

Russell Wilson, Ciara welcome baby boy

Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson and his pop star wife Ciara are now parents to a baby boy. The couple announced Friday the birth of their son named Win Harrison Wilson on Instagram. They both shared from their accounts that their son was born Thursday and weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

Ciara posted video footage from the hospital of her holding her baby shortly after his birth. The singer sang "Happy Birthday" to him while sporting a black mask.

Win is the second child for the couple, who married in 2016. Ciara gave birth to Sienna Princess Wilson the following year. Ciara has a young son from a previous relationship with rapper Future.

Other news

■ Singer-actors Demi Lovato and Max Ehrlich are engaged. The couple made the announcement on Instagram on Thursday, both posting a photo of themselves kissing on the beach. Lovato also posted a picture of her ring. Lovato and Ehrlich began dating this year. Ehrlich, 29, has earned multiple Daytime Emmy nominations for his work in "The Young and the Restless," has appeared on various TV shows and films and has no released music. Grammy-nominated Lovato, 27, has released a number of gold and platinum albums and singles, first marking a breakthrough in the Disney Channel musical TV film "Camp Rock."

■ Mel Gibson spent a week in a Los Angeles hospital in April after testing positive for COVID-19, his representative said Friday. The actor and director has completely recovered and is doing "great" according to the rep. He also said Gibson has tested negative "numerous times" since then. Gibson, 64, is the latest in a long string of high profile figures to go public with coronavirus diagnoses and recoveries including Tom Hanks, Rita Wilson, George Stephanopoulos and the singer Pink.

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OPINION

Seek a vaccine, but still fight virus now

By ROBIN WOLFE SCHEFFLER
Special to The Washington Post

The ink is still drying on a \$1.95 billion deal between the United States and Pfizer to deliver 100 million doses of an experimental coronavirus vaccine to Americans as soon as this winter. The contract is the largest awarded by "Operation Warp Speed," the Trump administration's ambitious plan to accelerate the production of a vaccine, and arrives on the heels of billions of dollars channeled to other pharmaceutical firms.

It's a potential milestone in the course of the coronavirus pandemic, but the fate of a government intervention in the fight against cancer provides an important cautionary note: Vaccine development can't come in a vacuum. It needs to be combined with addressing the social and political factors that exacerbate disease and limit the access of many Americans to basic medical care.

In the mid-20th century, there was no room for the federal government in biomedical research. Even after the extensive mobilization of the federal government in drug and vaccine development during World War II, the medical establishment resisted this role continuing in peacetime. The American Cancer Society opposed calls for a "Manhattan Project" to cure cancer, despite the widespread public support it garnered in the immediate aftermath of the war.

The most striking public health success of the 1950s, the polio vaccine, was developed by a voluntary organization, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, which had joined its Republican allies in Congress to blast the idea of federal spending on polio as a "federalist" idea.

The navy efforts of Mary Woodard Lasker broke this impasse. An ardent New Dealer and medical philanthropist, Lasker advocated for national health care and birth control and firmly believed that the government needed to assume responsibility for health care alongside other social welfare programs.

Yet in 1948, Lasker and other activists failed in their campaign for national health insurance. Opposition from the American Medical Association and business groups defeated President Harry S. Truman's national insurance plan. With the escalation of the Cold War, the political prospects of future bills also looked bleak.

Faced with this setback, Lasker charted a new path: federal investment in biomedical research.

She came to see medical research as a powerful means of restoring the nation's health. The successes of polio vaccination and antibiotics lent credence to her ambitions and helped her avoid the politically fraught issues surrounding medical care. Her motto — "If you think research is expensive, try disease!" — echoed through the halls of Congress.

Cancer, the most dreaded disease of the 20th century, provided Lasker with an ideal target. Most experts were hesitant to say that cancer could be cured, but Lasker embraced a new approach to treating the disease: chemotherapy. Unlike surgical or radiation cancer therapy, chemotherapy suggested that drugs could be developed to eradicate cancer just as antibiotics attacked bacteria — cutting off cancer at its biological roots. When such work quickly overwhelmed charities and hospitals, Lasker pushed the government to get involved.

Through a series of lobbying that focused on boosting funding rather than building new government agencies, Lasker's new coalition of legislators, administrators and doctors reshaped the National Cancer Institute in the 1950s. Although founded toward the end of the New Deal, the institute had taken a back seat to private anticancer efforts. Yet, by the end of the decade, Lasker



STEW MILNE/AP

John Burkhardt, left, senior vice president of drug safety R&D and head of the Pfizer Groton site, speaks at a news conference at Pfizer Groton on the company's research to develop a vaccine for COVID-19, as Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont stands by to answer questions, on Wednesday in Groton, Conn.

er and her allies had quintupled its budget and pushed it to the forefront of the nation's cancer research effort.

As Lasker's efforts proved politically successful, advocates for research on other diseases followed suit in demanding federal approval.

Regulators were not satisfied to support free-ranging scientific inquiry. They wanted results — and quickly. And although they were willing to invest heavily in these efforts, accountability was frequently lacking. Critics of its expansion pointed out that the National Institutes of Health had no plans for managing research. In one infamous incident, Stanford University appeared to have spent federal research funds on a decorative pool for its medical center.

This drove the leadership of the National Cancer Institute to unveil what Life magazine termed a "super-plan" to combat leukemia in 1964 — the Special Virus Leukemia Program. The institute embraced the idea that cancer had viral causes, which was scientifically controversial, but offered the allure of a planned and accelerated solution to the disease.

From 1964 to 1978, the National Cancer Institute spent more than \$6 billion on the effort to develop a cancer vaccine, more than was later spent on the Human Genome Project. To accelerate research, the institute turned to military planning methods devised by Rand Corp. Just as these methods were criticized for becoming unmoored from reality when they were deployed by the military in Vietnam, critics charged that the institute was becoming cut off from the biological reality of cancer. For example, there was no known human cancer virus during all the years of the program's operation.

Despite their critics, the planning approaches used for a cancer vaccine in the 1960s formed the backbone of the "war on cancer" of the 1970s, which promised to produce a cure for cancer in time for the nation's 1976 bicentennial. This initiative promised that the government would go beyond sponsoring biological research; it would translate that research into therapies. Like Operation Warp Speed, the National Cancer Institute relied upon large contracts with private companies to accelerate the speed of its efforts, especially through the expanded Virus Cancer Program and the Cancer Act of 1971.

But this strategy had consequences. Time spent investigating vaccines was time spent not looking at the environmental, behavioral or social roots of cancer. Tobacco companies, seeking to deflect attention from the link between cigarettes and lung cancer, were ardent proponents of viral cancer theories. In contrast, en-

vironmental health activists and epidemiologists started to emphasize that cancer's roots would be better addressed through legal regulation of tobacco and public health measures that could have a more immediate impact.

Indeed, throughout the 1970s, cancer rates continued to climb, as the National Cancer Institute failed to produce a vaccine. In 1978, the war on cancer was abandoned as a "medical Vietnam" and the Reagan Revolution of the 1980s dismissed the idea that the federal government should direct biomedical research.

Nonetheless, the dream of a cancer vaccine was not entirely misplaced. The link between liver cancer and infection by hepatitis B had been identified in Taiwan just as the war on cancer ended, and a vaccine followed shortly. The National Cancer Institute later played a vital role in the development of the human papillomavirus vaccine in the 1990s, a virus linked to many cancers. Yet the challenges of producing and distributing these vaccines shows that their benefits need a strong public health infrastructure to be fully realized.

Similar issues surround any prospective coronavirus vaccine. Alex Azar, the secretary of health and human services, claims that the vaccine will be made available free to all Americans. However, given the complexities of producing, testing and distributing hundreds of millions of doses, even a free vaccine may still fail to reach those mixed in the chronic inequalities of our health care system in a timely fashion. These details have not been discussed as part of Operation Warp Speed, which has emphasized the creation of vaccines alone.

We have no doubt of the link between the new coronavirus and the disease COVID-19 or of the urgency of developing a vaccine, but the lessons of the National Cancer Institute's super plan for a cancer vaccine matter in this conversation. These efforts, however well-meaning, led the government and scientists to fail to take actions, from banning smoking to accelerating vaccine distribution to improving access to care, that might have saved many more lives in the moment.

Focusing on vaccine development in the laboratory and clinical trials, and not the broader constellation of social factors and policy failures that have enabled, and must be sustained, the spread of the coronavirus, reduces the chances of minimizing the damage done by the pandemic. We must have a strategy that addresses both the social and biological realities of the disease.

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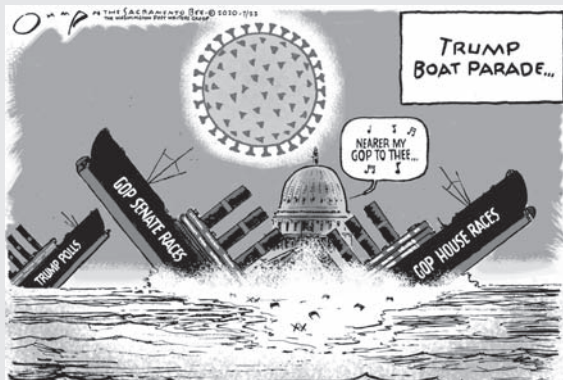
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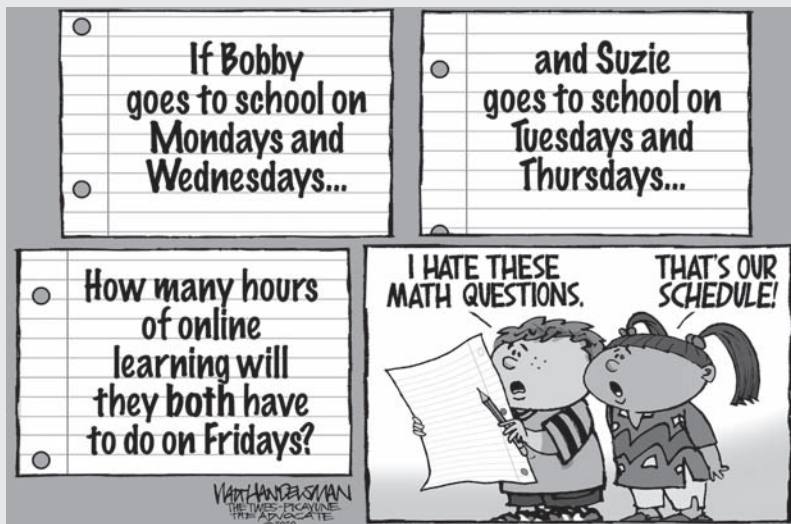
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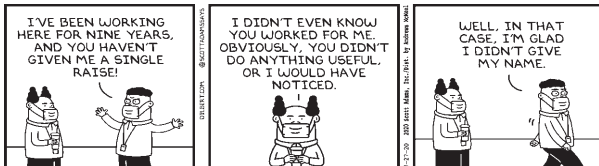
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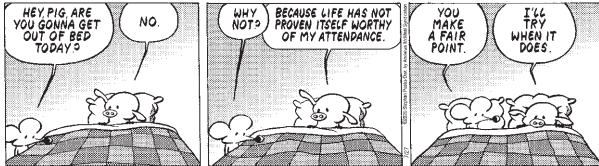
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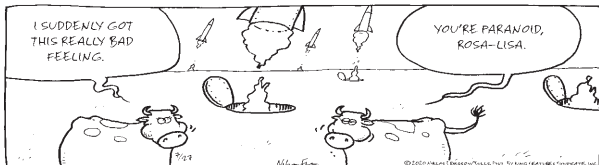
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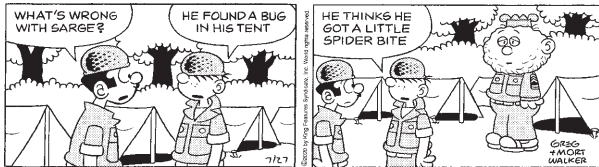
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- More learned
- X-ray's cousin
- Nigeria's cont.
- "— you!" (challenger's cry)
- Author Fleming
- Kingly color
- "Fresh Air" aier
- carte
- Nebraska river
- Tactic
- Crystal-tapping sound
- Actress Gretchen
- Swelled head
- Designer Kamali
- School support orgs.
- "Mangial"
- Inert gas
- Attack
- Game caller
- Finale
- Ms. Brockovich
- Stealthily quiet
- Car part that purrs
- Twit
- Sailor
- Lipstick shade
- Hot tub
- Rainbow —
- Flightless bird
- "Rah!"
- Optimistic
- Otto — Bismarck

DOWN

- Honey holder
- Flying saucer
- Attempt
- Mays of baseball
- Employee's security pass
- "Do the Right Thing" pizzeria owner
- Blow one's top
- Land, as a fish
- Color of an aromatic herb
- Engrossed
- Concerning
- Small battery
- Shortly
- Diamond heads?
- Memo
- Charcoal-like color
- Crew tool
- Monastery man
- "Ocean's Eleven" actor Garcia
- Ganges wrap
- In-house trial
- Colors lightly
- Coquettish
- India's first P.M.
- Glacial
- Online crafts site
- Wine valley
- Very long time
- Speed (up)
- Punk rock offshoot
- Press for payment

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 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals P

NFL

Payoff: Self-starters made most of free time

FROM BACK PAGE

Some students thrived on their own when schools turned to on-line learning in the spring as the coronavirus surged. Others craved a return to the classroom where they could prosper among their peers.

Same thing with the NFL. Self-starters could flourish even when the COVID-19 crisis forced them to work remotely, but players also had to navigate through more free time than ever.

These peculiar circumstances placed "a greater accountability on players to prepare, but on the coaches as well," Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers said.

"There has to be a real streamlined approach to be the most important parts of those installs and the finer details are at a premium. I think it's probably making the coaches better coaches and at the same time ... you expect great accountability" from the players, Rodgers said.

"I think that's the beauty of this time," Rodgers added. "It really separates the guys who are the self-motivated self-starters and the guys who may need a little more direction. And those guys that need more direction are going to be better in the setting where we're all together. The other guys are going to be more ready to rock and roll once Day 1 comes."

While the players will get extra time to ramp up their football fitness with the league agreeing to scrap the preseason schedule, some coaches don't think they'll be that far behind compared to others years.

Denver Broncos defensive coordinator Ed Donatelli said the virtual offseason led to a burst of creativity among coaches and the discovery of new teaching tools to better connect with players.

"First of all, we're teachers. We're not professors. We want to get everybody to be an A student or at least a B student. What I can tell you is we have everybody where they'll have all the tools they'll need when they hit the field. We can't tell you how it

will be physically. We've just created ways to use film and create interaction, have them talking to each other.

"It's a very big plus. This is going to help us when people are away from us in the future," Donatelli added. "It's going to help us adapt. It's hard to put somebody ahead of somebody. This is the game of football. Even in a normal year, everything we do to this point, there's one other piece. It's called 'when you put on the pads.' You start running into each other, making tackles, avoiding tackles, breaking tackles. We don't know that piece. There's a lot that remains to be seen."

New Broncos offensive coordinator Pat Shurmur said the downside to Zoom meetings was that you couldn't read a player's body language, but Donatelli said the upside was being able to see so many faces at once.

"You have to be engaged because you can be called on at any time," Donatelli said. "Another cool thing is I'm looking at another screen and I can see everyone's faces. It's easier to see 15 or 20 than if you're looking around the room. We can read if they're engaged and if they're learning. You can feel that as a teacher."

Some members of Donatelli's defensive staff discovered tools that helped them engage with the players. DBs coach Renaldo Hill used Prez! presentation software that "just makes it more interesting, things are popping in and off the screen and engaging guys more," Donatelli said. Defensive assistant Chris Beake brought in Kahoot!, a game-based learning platform that features user-generated multiple choice quizzes.

"We found ways to develop different kinds of quizzes to create the interaction," Donatelli said. "These guys are still being compelled to a high level of learning to get them ready and just creating interaction. This also was a time when everybody in our country's healing. Everybody misses their work ... This was a time we can get on that screen and cut it up a little bit, have some fun."



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

Broncos defensive coordinator Ed Donatelli, 63, said the virtual offseason led to a burst of creativity among coaches, the discovery of new teaching tools and a better connection with players.



ADAM HUNGER/AP

New York Jets strong safety Jamal Adams sacks Oakland Raiders quarterback Derek Carr during the first half on Nov. 24 in East Rutherford, N.J. The Jets traded Adams to the Seattle Seahawks on Saturday.

Seahawks acquire Adams

BY DENNIS WASIAK JR.
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jamal Adams' wish was finally granted: He's leaving New York in a stunning trade.

The Jets dealt the disgruntled star safety to the Seattle Seahawks on Saturday, splitting with a gifted player whose relationship with the franchise quickly deteriorated because of a contract dispute.

The Jets received a massive haul in the deal Saturday, sending a 2022 fourth-round draft pick along with Adams to the Seahawks for a 2021 first-rounder, a 2022 first-rounder, a 2021 third-rounder and safety Bradley McDougald — pending physicals.

Both teams confirmed the trade details, and the Seahawks

welcomed Adams to the team in a Twitter post.

"Let's get it!!!!" Seattle quarterback Russell Wilson tweeted.

The deal ended a contentious several months for Adams and the Jets, a situation that increasingly appeared headed for a divorce when the two-time Pro Bowl selection criticized ownership early in the week and then took shots at coach Adam Gase and general manager Joe Douglas in an interview with the Daily News published Friday.

"To NY & especially the Jets fans, I love you & will always love you," Adams wrote in a Twitter post. "You all will hold a special place in my heart forever. When I came into the league, you embraced me & watched me grow! We went through it all together."

Thank you for the Luv & support these 3 years. #Prez Out."

Adams followed that up with a message to the Seahawks and their fans in a Twitter post that included a graphic of the safety in his new team's uniform.

"You have a man on a mission," he wrote, "a man all in on winning a Super Bowl, being the best leader & teammate he can be, & a man who will give everything he has to the city of Seattle and to the 12s all across the world. Thank you for believing in me!"

The 24-year-old former LSU star was drafted sixth overall by the Jets in 2017. He quickly established himself as a fan favorite and one of the best players at his position, being selected for the last two Pro Bowls and making the All-Pro squad last year.

Mahomes knows risk, feels safe

BY DAVE SKRETTA
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes was on every call involving the NFL Players Association and took a significant role in putting in place the return-to-play protocols for training camp.

So while he acknowledges "some risk" in returning to the team facility on Saturday, when Mahomes joined rookies and select veterans for the start of his camp, he also felt comfortable in knowing the environment would be as safe as possible.

"I think the NFLPA had a good job getting all the players on the call and being prepared to be in the building and everything that entailed," said Mahomes, who like the rest of NFL players did the entire offseason remotely. "They're really taking this thing



Mahomes

seriously.

They're taking social distancing and wearing a mask seriously, so we're not hurting each other or hurting the people out in the community with us

being here."

The Chiefs and Texans, who meet in NFL's regular-season opener, were given the go-ahead to allow rookies to report to training camp last Monday. But the week mostly involved COVID-19 testing for the rookies, and the veterans will likewise go through a similar period of testing before they begin more typical meetings and workouts.

That slow ramp-up is the first part of an acclimation period unique to this season. The players' board of representatives voted 29-3 on Friday to adopt several changes to the collective bargaining agreement that provided for new training camp and roster rules, economics and the protocols for operating amid the coronavirus pandemic. The acclimation period takes the place of four preseason games and prohibits padded practices until the middle of August.

"I thought the executive committee did a great job of getting protection for the guys that have high risk, protection for the guys that voluntarily opted out and protection for the guys on the field," said Mahomes, who recently signed a record 10-year extension with the Chiefs after leading them to their first Super Bowl in 50 years last season.

NBA/MMA

Source: Thibodeau to be next Knicks coach

2011 Coach of the Year will return to Big Apple

By BRIAN MAHONEY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Tom Thibodeau is coming back to the New York Knicks, who are still seeking the success they enjoyed when he was an assistant two decades ago.

The Knicks are finishing a deal to make Thibodeau their coach, a person with knowledge of the details said Saturday.

No contract has been signed but a deal is expected to be announced next week, the person told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because negotiations were ongoing.

ESPN first reported that the Knicks and Thibodeau were completing a five-year contract.

‘New York is a different animal. He understands the fan base. He understands the New York media and he’s a great coach.’

Steve Clifford
Orlando Magic coach,
on Tom Thibodeau

When they do, the 2011 NBA Coach of the Year in Chicago will become the 13th different person to coach the Knicks since Jeff Van Gundy resigned early in the 2001-02 season.

Orlando Magic coach Steve Clifford was told during his team’s scrimmage at Walt Disney World against the Los Angeles Lakers on Saturday that Thibodeau, his long-time friend and confidant, was going to get the New York job.

“Look, he’s one of my closest friends,” Clifford said. “He’s one of the best coaches in the league and he understands New York. He was in New York for a long time.



Jim Mone/AP

The New York Knicks are reportedly finishing a deal to bring former assistant Tom Thibodeau back to the Big Apple as the team’s next head coach. Thibodeau, the 2011 NBA Coach of the Year in Chicago, was an assistant under Jeff Van Gundy, who led the Knicks to the 1999 NBA Finals and into the postseason in every season he was there. Thibodeau will be the 13th different person to coach the Knicks since Van Gundy resigned early in the 2001-02 season.

New York is a different animal. He understands the fan base. He understands the New York media and he’s a great, great coach. So, he’ll do great there and it’s a great hire on their part.”

Thibodeau was an assistant under Van Gundy, who led the Knicks to the 1999 NBA Finals and into the postseason in every season he was there. New York has reached the playoffs just three times since Van Gundy’s departure.

The Knicks went 21-45 this season, missing the playoffs for a seventh straight year. Mike Miller finished the season as interim

coach after David Fizdale was fired 22 games into the season.

New Knicks President Leon Rose then interviewed a number of candidates before choosing Thibodeau from a field that included Jason Kidd, former Brooklyn coach Kenny Atkinson and Miller, who impressed Rose while going 17-27 before the season was suspended in March.

San Antonio assistants Will Hardy and Ime Udoka were also candidates. Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said both will get their opportunities but praised the choice of Thibodeau.

“Tommy’s a seasoned veteran who it goes without saying understands what wins and what loses. He knows how to put a program together, create a culture and be demanding — and at the same time, make people accountable,” Popovich said.

“It’s easy to demand things, but to make people accountable and want to play the right way is not something that’s easy for everybody to do. But Tom knows it inside and out and he’ll be a great choice to organize the situation there, develop a plan, start the culture, stick to it, be persistent and get after it. So it’s a great choice.”

Ex-UFC champ Whittaker back on track with decision

Associated Press

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — Former UFC middleweight champion Robert Whittaker earned his first victory in two years Sunday, winning a unanimous decision over Darren Till on Fight Island.

Veteran heavyweight Fabricio Werdum finished Alexander Gustafsson by armbar submission midway through the first round, and Mauricio “Shogun” Rua got an entertaining split-decision victory over fellow Brazilian veteran Antônio Rogério Nogueira in the last of four UFC shows in two weeks from the mixed martial arts promotion’s free-bubble event in the Middle East.

The main event was a messy, technical fight that turned into an encouraging step forward for Whittaker (21-5), who ended the victory with a smile and a horrifically bloody cut above his left ear.

Whittaker won his middleweight belt in 2017, but the Australian brawler defended it just once and missed significant time with injuries. He lost the title last October to New Zealand’s Israel Adesanya, and Whittaker then withdrew from a scheduled comeback fight because he felt burned out on MMA.

He didn’t have an easy return, but the ex-champ still handled his matchup with Till (18-3-1), the touted British prospect.

“That fight was so stressful,” Whittaker said. “I hope the fans and everybody can appreciate it. That was one of the most technical fights I’ve ever had to fight. We both knew each other’s strengths. I had to really adapt on the go.”

The 38-year-old Rua (27-11) and the 44-year-old Nogueira (23-10) put on an entertaining performance in their third fight in a rivalry that began 15 years ago. Rua won all three of those

bouts, but he barely won this lively striking matchup, triumphing 29-28 on two cards.

Nogueira said he probably will retire after this defeat, although his reluctance was visible. The twin brother of fellow UFC veteran Antônio Rodrigo Nogueira has been a pro MMA fighter for 19 years, including the last 11 in the UFC.

“I know I can (still) fight very well, but I think it’s time for the new generation to come,” Nogueira said.

Werdum (24-9-1) earned his first victory since 2017 with an impressive submission of Gustafsson (18-7), the former light heavyweight title contender who briefly retired last year.

On the undercard, welterweight Khamzat Chimaev set a UFC record with his second victory in only 10 days, finishing welterweight Rhys McKee with punches just 3:09 into the first round.

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MLB ROUNDUP

Bard earns win in first game since '13

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Daniel Bard has a new perspective after more than seven years away from the major leagues, and a win after one outing for the Colorado Rockies.

The hard-throwing Bard, whose control troubles ran him out of baseball, pitched 1½ scoreless innings in relief while twice getting out of jams as the Rockies beat the Texas Rangers 3-2 on Saturday.

“He said three words — that was fun,” Colorado manager Bud Black said.

Bard’s last big league appearance had been for Boston on April 27, 2013, 11 months after his last win.

“It’s been a long wait. It feels good,” the 35-year-old Bard said. “Just trying to soak it in and enjoy every moment.”

Bard took over for starter Jon Gray with two on and two outs in the fifth. The right-hander, with his fastball in the upper 90s mph, worked around two more runners in the sixth, getting Wil Calhoun on an inning-ending flyout to cap an 11-pitch at-bat.

Bard threw 20 of his 25 pitches for strikes.

“The stuff is there. ... What a great story,” Black said.

Angels 4, Athletics 1: Dylan Bundy pitched shutout ball into the seventh inning in his Angels debut and Justin Upton homered to lead visiting Los Angeles past Oakland.

Bundy (1-0) allowed one run, three hits, no walks and hit one batter in 6½ innings as part of an injury-short first start after being acquired from Baltimore in a trade last December.

Upton hit a solo homer off Sean Manaea, and Andrew Simmons and David Fletcher also had run-scoring hits for Los Angeles.

Astros 7, Mariners 2: Lance McCullers Jr. was solid in his return from Tommy John surgery, Yuli Gurriel and George Springer homered and host Houston beat Seattle for the 15th straight time.

McCullers (1-0) yielded five hits and two runs in six innings in his first game since the 2018 playoffs. He got double plays from his defense to escape jams in the first two innings before settling in to get the win, striking out six.

Brewers 8, Cubs 3: Christian Yelich and Justin Smoak hit long home runs, umpires intervened before a shouting match between the teams got too serious and visiting Milwaukee powered past Chicago.

Without fans at Wrigley Field, players from both NL Central rivals could be heard shouting toward each other from their dugouts before the start of the fourth inning.

All-Star catcher Willson Contreras seemed to be barking the loudest from the warning track in front of the Cubs dugout, and several players from both sides popped out onto the dirt near their benches. Umpires jumped in and calmed things down quickly before players could cross the

foul lines.

Milwaukee’s bats broke loose against Yu Darvish and the Cubs bullpen. Smoak launched a towering solo shot off the right-field scoreboard in the fifth. Yelich drove a two-run blast high into Wrigley’s center-field batter’s eye in the sixth.

Cardinals 9, Pirates 1: Paul Goldschmidt homered, Adam Wainwright pitched six solid innings and host St. Louis crushed past Pittsburgh.

Wainwright (1-0) pitched out of a bases loaded, no-out jam in the second, giving up just one run. He retired 14 of the final 15 batters he faced as the Cardinals beat the Pirates for the 12th time in their last 13 games.

White Sox 10, Twins 3: Leury Garcia homered from both sides of the plate, helping Dallas Keuchel and host Chicago pound Minnesota.

Edwin Encarnación hit a two-run drive as the White Sox bounced back nicely after losing 10-5 to the reigning AL Central champions on Friday night. Eloy Jiménez and James McCann also went deep.

Keuchel allowed two runs in 5½ innings in his White Sox debut after agreeing to a \$55.5 million, three-year contract in December. The veteran left-hander threw 73 pitches, 47 for strikes.

Nelson Cruz connected for Minnesota, which hit a major league-record 307 homers last year.

Orioles 7, Red Sox 2: Anthony Santander and Renato Núñez each drove in two runs and visiting Baltimore held off Boston to even their season-opening series.

Hanser Alberto finished with three hits. Austin Hays and José Iglesias added two apiece.

Alex Cobb (1-0) was steady in his first start since April 2019 after missing most of last season with a hip injury that required surgery. After Boston pounded out 17 hits in its 13-2 win on Friday, Cobb mostly kept the Red Sox off balance, allowing just four hits and one run while striking out six in 5½ innings of work.

Martín Pérez (0-1) lasted just five innings in his Red Sox debut, giving up five runs on six hits and walking two.



PAUL BEATY/AP

Brewers teammates line up for elbow bumps with closer Eric Yarbley, left, after defeating the Cubs on Saturday in Chicago.

Royals 3, Indians 2 (10):

Greg Holland struck out the top of Cleveland’s batting order to strand the tying run at second base, and Maikel Franco hit a sacrifice fly in the 10th inning for visiting Kansas City in the third major league game decided by the debated extra-inning runner rule.

With Greg Allen on second, Holland fanned César Hernández and José Ramírez before getting All-Star Francisco Lindor to chase strike three in the dirt for the final out and the most unique save of his career.

The Royals could be heard whooping it up as they poured out of the dugout, with Mike Matheny posting his first win as Kansas City’s manager.

Tigers 6, Reds 4: Miguel Cabrera passed two superstars with one home run, and Jacoby Jones hit a two-run shot in the ninth inning off Raisel Iglesias to rally visiting Detroit past Cincinnati.

Cabrera salvaged his four-strikeout day with a two-run homer in the seventh that broke a tie with Adrian Beltré for 30th place on the career list.

Cabrera now has 478 home runs. The two RBIs boosted Cabrera past Hall of Famer Cal Ripken Jr. and into 25th place on the career RBI list with 1,696.

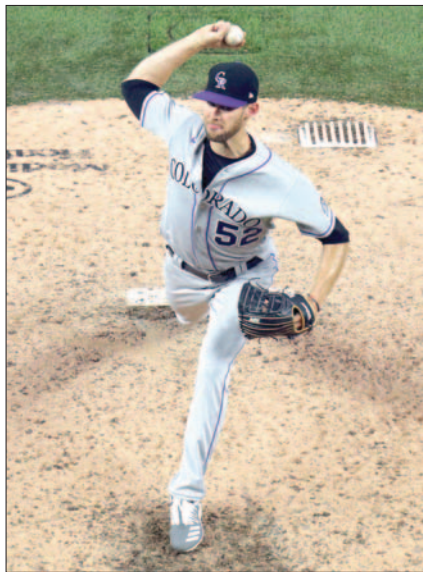
Rays 4, Blue Jays 1: Brandon Lowe’s two-run triple snapped an eighth-inning tie and sent host Tampa Bay over Toronto.

Lowe, a first-time AL All-Star in 2019, hit a drive into the gap in right-center field off reliever Sam Gaviglio (0-1). The right-hander later balked, allowing Lowe to score the third run of the inning.

Nick Anderson (1-0), the third of four Rays pitchers who followed starter Ryan Yarbrough, retired four of five batters he faced to get the win.

Giants 5, Dodgers 4: Gabe Kapler got his first win as the San Francisco manager as Wilmer Flores homered for a win over host Los Angeles.

After getting outscored 17-2 in the first two games, the Giants took advantage of Dodgers starter Alex Wood’s struggles to avoid their first 0-3 start since 2012. They scored in each of the first



RICHARD W. RODRIGUEZ/AP

Rockies pitcher Daniel Bard pitched 1½ scoreless innings in relief against the Rangers on Saturday. His last big league appearance had been for Boston on April 27, 2013.

four innings to snap a six-game skid against their NL West rivals.

The Giants lined up near the mound and bumped elbows to celebrate. Kapler and his socially distanced coaching staff did so with a bottle of wine in the clubhouse afterward.

Phillies 7, Marlins 1: Phil Gosselin homered twice, J.T. Realmuto added a three-run drive and Didi Gregorius went deep again to back Zach Wheeler in host Philadelphia’s victory over Miami.

Wheeler (1-0) tossed five-hit ball and struck out four in seven innings after signing a \$118 million, five-year deal in free agency. The 30-year-old Wheeler, who spent his first seven seasons with the New York Mets, pitched only days after his wife gave birth to their son.

Braves 5, Mets 3 (10): Marcell Ozuna hit a tying homer off shaky closer Edwin Diaz with two outs in the ninth inning, Dansby Swanson scored automatic runner Adam Duvall with a lead-off single in the 10th and visiting Atlanta beat New York.

New York loaded the bases in the bottom of the 10th with no outs against Luke Jackson (1-0). Pinch-hitter Dominic Smith managed a sacrifice fly, but Jackson recovered and retired Wilson Ramos to end it.

Ozuna, signed to an \$18 million, one-year free agent deal in January, energized Atlanta’s struggling offense with his op-

posite-field drive against Diaz. Ozuna went with a 3-2 fastball just off the outside corner and roped it out to right field for his first home run with the Braves.

Nationals 9, Yankees 2: Victor Robles had three hits and four RBIs, including a homer, helping host Washington beat New York without scratched starter Stephen Strasburg and despite five errors.

Asdrúbal Cabrera and Michael A. Taylor also homered for Washington, which lost 2019 World Series MVP Strasburg to a nerve issue in his pitching hand two days after putting slugger Juan Soto on the COVID-19 injured list because he tested positive for the illness.

Filling in for Strasburg, Erick Fedde allowed a pair of runs in four innings, including Giancarlo Stanton’s second homer in two games.

Padres 5, Diamondbacks 1: Maury Machado and Wil Myers homered to back Dinelson Lamet, who pitched brilliantly into the sixth inning of host San Diego’s victory over Arizona.

Lamet (1-0) held the Diamondbacks to one run and five hits while striking out eight and walking one.

Myers’ three-run homer in the fourth was the Padres’ first of the year and highlighted a rough second time through the order for Arizona left-hander Robbie Ray.

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Teams seeing fruits of virtual offseason

By ARNIE STAPLETON
Associated Press

Players are reconvening for a training camp unlike any other, and the ramifications of their remote offseason will soon become apparent.

When the NFL scrapped regular offseason training for virtual OTAs and videoconferences because of the coronavirus crisis, some players applauded and others plodded. Coaches had to get creative to replace face-to-face instruction, and many discovered teaching tools they'll continue using even after the pandemic ends.

Training camps won't be normal. No preseason games. No fans at practice. Daily COVID-19 tests for players, coaches, staff, media. And a slow ramp-up to padded practices in a few weeks.

Players have been preparing on their own for months, aside from quarterbacks such as graybeard Tom Brady and greenhorn Drew Lock, who gathered their new receivers to work on their timing, something the players union ultimately discouraged.

'This is going to help us when people are away from us in the future. It's going to help us adapt.'

Ed Donatell
Denver Broncos
defensive
coordinator

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JEFF HAYNES, ABOVE, AND JACK DEMPSEY, RIGHT/AP

Above: Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers says quarantining during the coronavirus separates the self-motivated players from the players who need more direction from the coaches. Right: Denver Broncos quarterback gathered his receivers during the pandemic to work on their timing.



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